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"VICTORY OF THE FIRST ORDER": BRITISH FORCES CUT PRINCIPAL ROAD OF RETREATING ITALIANS

Churchill Pays Tribute To Wavell: Remarkable Endurance Feat

"A VICTORY OF THE FIRST ORDER," was how Mr. Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, described the successful operations of British forces in the Western Desert against the Italians, when he addressed the House of Commons yesterday on the latest developments in North Africa, says a London message.

MR. CHURCHILL was speaking before the latest reports were received but he stated that pursuit of Italians was proceeding with vigour with the Royal Navy shelling them and the Royal Air Force bombing the retreating enemy.

THE PREMIER SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE BRITISH TROOPS HAD CUT THE ROAD TO BUGBUG, THE PRINCIPAL ROUTE BY WHICH THE ITALIANS WERE RETREATING.

The strong position of Sidi Barrani had appeared to be a strong obstacle to the British plan but Sidi Barrani was now captured and, Mr. Churchill added, that the best part of three Italian divisions had been taken prisoners.

Mr. Churchill paid a tribute to GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD WAVELL, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, GENERAL SIR NATHAN WILSON, the Staff Officers who planned it and the troops who performed this remarkable feat of endurance and skill.

Mr. Churchill repeated that it was too soon yet to speak of the scale and extent of the operations. "The whole episode," he said, "must be judged by the background that it was only two or three months ago that we were in an anxious position in this area. The anxieties have now been removed," added Mr. Churchill, "and the British claim that Egypt will be defended against all-comers has been made good."



MR. CHURCHILL

U.S. Blocking Up Loopholes In The Embargo To Japan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—Recent activities of the American and British Governments tend to confirm the opinion expressed in the NEW YORK TIMES.

It is increasingly clear the wars in Europe and Asia are at the bottom of a single war.

The American loan to China followed by British credits and new restrictions of metal exports from the United States, which primarily affect Japan, are not considered here as anything but blows against Japan on behalf of China and all others fighting Nazi aggression.

In addition, though the concentration of American warcraft at Hawaii is said to be without diplomatic significance, it is expected Tokyo will take due note of it.

The new restrictions on metal exports definitely block up loopholes in the previous general but loose embargo on metal exports to Japan.

Reports from the Far East indicate the considerable wonderment among American residents over the recent strong advice to leave the Orient.

CHANGING TEMPER

Could they see the firm, if slow, development of the American

CONTINUED PRESSURE: NO PAUSE

The British forces in the Western Desert are keeping up continued pressure on the Italians without a pause, states a London message.

Having captured Sidi Barrani, the British forces are now pressing on westwards. Fierce fighting is going on in the area of Bugbug 15 miles west of Sidi Barrani.

SO LARGE IS THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS CAPTURED AND MATERIAL TAKEN THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO SORT THEM OUT.

The Italians were estimated to have had two divisions in this area from which it could be judged that a considerable amount of equipment has fallen in the British hands.

The Italians are now beginning to minimise the capture of Sidi Barrani. This is contrary to their view on Sept. 18 when they commented on the military importance of the town. Since that date, Sidi Barrani has been greatly fortified.

The Italian Wireless is trying to make out that Sidi Barrani is of little strategic value.

High praise is given in all reports to the co-operation between the three fighting forces. British naval units continue to hammer the coastal positions, while the Royal Air Force is bombing the Italian retreat. No damage or casualties has been suffered by any British units engaged in these operations.

Yesterday's communique reports that British naval units bombarded a number of points in Somaliland and that an important part was played by the R. A. F.

NAVY'S PART

An Admiralty communique states that the Royal Navy continued to

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Greater Part Of Enemy Bottled Up

LONDON, Dec. 12 (EWS)

Latest information available in London regarding the fighting in the Western Desert of Egypt leads the authorities here to entertain good hopes that a greater part of the enemy troops in Sidi Barrani and its immediate neighbourhood have been bottled up and possibly captured.

AN AUTHORITY MILITARY COMMENTATOR PUTS THIS FORCE AT SOMEWHERE ABOUT TWO DIVISIONS.

If this assumption is correct, no doubt is felt that a very large stock of war material built up at Sidi Barrani since its capture by the Italians on Sept. 18 becomes, as one expert expressed it, "a gift."

The exact strength of Italian divisions in this area is not definitely known but may be placed at from 14,000 to 17,000 each.

WELL PLANNED

The success of these operations, which are proceeding satisfactorily, is attributed here to very well planned strategy based on loyal and close co-operation between the three fighting services.

The three generals captured in yesterday's fighting were General Sebastiano Gallina who is a Corps Commander, and Generals Amando Pescatore and Mezzari, who are Divisional Commanders.

LONDON, Dec. 12 (British Wireless)—An Italian communique, while making no specific reference to the loss of Sidi Barrani, refers to the fierce fighting west of that town in the zone of Bugbug.

It says that losses caused to the enemy in men and material were heavy and adds significantly "our own losses were also notable."

SHARP RISE IN STOCK MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—What America thinks of the capture of Sidi Barrani is shown by the sharp rise in the stock markets.

Radio commentators are trying with each other in praise of the secrecy with which the British preparations were made, the speed of the attack and the brilliance of British Staff work.

Newspapers also splash the news in big headlines.

TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY

THE BRILLIANT OPERATIONS OF BRITISH FORCES in the Western Desert, culminating in the capture of Sidi Barrani, were reflected in the House of Commons yesterday by the Prime Minister when he described it as a victory of the first order and paid tribute to General Wavell, General Wilson, and the Staff Officers, who planned the complicated operation and the troops for their remarkable feat of endurance.

THE GREEKS HAVE ADVANCED ABOUT TWO MILES along the coastal road and are now slightly to the north of the village of Kelyre. Some reports state that the Greeks have actually entered the village, but official confirmation is lacking.

LORD LOTHIAN, BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, died yesterday at the age of 58. He was appointed to the post in succession to Sir Ronald Lindsay in April last year and recently visited London. Lord Lothian was formerly in the India Office.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN SHANGHAI, SEE JOHN LATHAM, the first Australian Minister to Tokyo, said that Australian interests depended on the Pacific and they could not be indifferent to changes there.

POWER STATIONS, INLAND DOCKS, AND RAILWAY YARDS were among the targets in Western Germany attacked on Wednesday night by the Royal Air Force. Invasion ports were also attacked and from these operations two British aircraft are missing.

DRAMATIC MESSAGES REVEAL EXTENT OF ITALIAN DEFEAT

During the last three hours a series of dramatic messages have revealed something of the extent of the defeat which the Italians have suffered in the Western Desert, states a message from London at 4 p.m. G.M.T. yesterday.

THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS TAKEN NOW EXCEED 20,000.

British aircraft showed their mastery of the air by incessant attacks on Italian forces on their retreat.

Among the prisoners are hundreds of officers.

Bomber and fighter aircraft took an active part in the operations an important feature of which was the bombing of enemy aerodromes.

The Italian retreat has now become general and British planes are causing destruction to Marshal Graziani's Army with heavy attacks on focal points of the Italian retreat.

British land forces include units from India besides other Imperial forces and Free French units.

The Secretary of State for War, Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, have sent a message of congratulations to General Wavell.

The message says: "On behalf of all ranks of the Army at home and in other theatres, we send you and the men under your command, our congratulations on your brilliant victory. It has filled us all with pride."

Wu Te-chen Praises Sino-British Harmony

IPOH (BRITISH MALAYA), Dec. 12 (Central)

Speaking at the Rotary Club in Ipoh yesterday, Gen. Wu Te-chen, China's goodwill envoy to the South Seas Islands and Minister of Overseas Affairs, praised the Sino-British co-operation in Malaya.

He said: "The harmony and co-operation between the Chinese, Britons, Malaysians and others speak well for the future of Sino-British relations. The announcement of a £10,000,000 British loan to China is eloquent proof of Sino-British friendship."

Gen. Wu and party arrived here on Tuesday by a special train from Kuala Lumpur. "Thousands" of Chinese crowded the Ipoh Station to welcome the Chinese envoy. After a brief stay here, Gen. Wu is expected to proceed to Penang.

QUEEN THANKS PEOPLE OF COLONIAL EMPIRE

Her Majesty the Queen thanked the people of the Colonial Empire yesterday when she accepted on behalf of the Y. M. C. A. a number of mobile canteens, which had been contributed from overseas, says a London message.

The Queen said: "Ever since the beginning of the war the Colonial Empire has been unsparing in its support of the Mother Country. It is not only the material aspect that touches us, but that the people of the Colonies shares with us our present difficulties."

Her Majesty said that she had asked Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to express Britain's thanks for this welcome and valuable gift.



QUEEN ELIZABETH

British Bombers Hammer German Power Stations

The Air Ministry reports that British bombers on Wednesday attacked targets in Western Germany including power stations, inland docks and industrial centres. In these operations one British machine was lost, states a London message.

German attacks on Britain were on a fairly heavy scale for the first time since Sunday. There was a heavy raid over the London area and over Liverpool. One enemy bomber was destroyed during Wednesday night.

The Air Ministry communique states that attacks were made during the night on a town in the Midlands when a certain amount of damage was done. A number of fires broke out, but these were quickly extinguished.

It has now been revealed that the oldest part of Eton College was damaged during recent raids over Britain. The school yard and the Headmaster's house were hit.

WEATHER HELPFUL

Mr. Oliver Stewart, the well-known aeronautical expert, referring to the effect of bad weather on bombing operations in a talk in London yesterday, said that during the next four months the weather may prove very helpful to Britain.

Most modern bombers, he said, were today fitted with full equipment for meeting bad visibility so that large cities can be bombed even though they are covered by fog. Bad weather, however, cannot be expected to stop bombing operations very long.

Furthermore, night flying operations in bad weather usually produce a good many crashes, when they are undertaken on a large scale.

Generally speaking, bad weather over Germany is going to have a bigger effect than bad weather over Britain, says Mr. Stewart. If our fog continues to do its work this winter, it will provide a difficult puzzle for the Germans.

DEATH OF MARQUESS OF LOTHIAN

SUDDEN PASSING IN EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter) The District of Columbia Coroner announces that the MARQUESS OF LOTHIAN, C.H., M.A., British Ambassador to the United States since April last year, died in the British Embassy in Washington at 3 a.m. local time today.

He was 58 years of age and was the only son of the late Major-General Lord Ralph Kerr.

Lord Lothian was reported yesterday to be indisposed and had to cancel his visit to Baltimore to address the American Farm Bureau Association's dinner.

The speech which he had prepared for delivery at the function was read by Mr. Neville Butler, Counsellor of the British Embassy.

LAST SPEECH

A passage from Lord Lothian's speech which was read in Baltimore, said: "If you back us you will not be backing a quitter."

MORE OUTSPOKEN

LONDON, Dec. 12 (EWS)—Lord Lothian's speech yesterday regarding American aid for the British cause was read with great interest here where the opinion is expressed that no Ambassador from a belligerent to a neutral nation had ever been more outspoken in public.

"That it should have been possible," states the DAILY TELEGRAPH, "for the diplomatic representative of Great Britain to make such a direct and unreserved appeal to the people of the United States is striking evidence of the intimacy and understanding—hardly to be matched elsewhere—in the relationship between the two English speaking Democracies."

APPOINTMENT WAS WELCOMED The announcement in April last year of the appointment of the Marquis of Lothian as the British Ambassador to the United States in succession to Sir Ronald Lindsay, was widely welcomed as a notable contribution to Anglo-American understanding.

Head of an ancient border family, Lord Lothian held many titles—including once a Marquis, twice an Earl, once a Viscount, and four times a Baron. He owned between 20,000 and 30,000 acres of land, with seats at Blickling in Norfolk, Newbattle Abbey in Scotland, which he handed over as a college for adult workers, and Monteviot at Ancrum, Scotland.

FOSTERED SOUTH AFRICAN UNION

As Philip Kerr, he was instrumental with Lord Milner in bringing about the Union of South Africa after the Boer War.

As a member of the Round Table Conference on India in 1932 he was made Chairman of the Indian

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GREAT STRUGGLE ANTICIPATED IN AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

SAPPER FAVOURED TO WIN CLASSIC FOR AUSTRALIANS

BY "LAST QUARTER"

THOUGH IN SEVERAL RACES THE FIELDS FACING THE STARTER WILL BE NUMERICALLY SMALL, THE FINAL RACE MEETING OF THE 1940 SEASON to be held at Happy Valley tomorrow afternoon, should produce some of the keenest racing of the year. The Hongkong Autumn Champions for China ponies should be enough inducement for a visit to the race course tomorrow, as one of the best struggle for honours will probably take place.

It is difficult to recall a similar race (these last few years that has produced such a field of top-notch China ponies as will be saddled tomorrow and the ultimate winner can really lay claim to the title of "Champion China Pony" and be fully deserving of the coveted honour. The starters will probably only number six or seven, but this will be made up for by the quality on display, and a visit to the paddock before the race will prove most interesting.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., with the first race starting the usual half an hour later. (The Hongkong Autumn Champions is the fourth race on the programme and a strongly advise all racing enthusiasts; punters or otherwise, to be certain of getting down to the track in time for this big event if the day.

The Queensland Autumn Champions for Australian ponies is listed as Race No. 6 and though it appears that Sapper will probably win, despite a spirited challenge from Baffin Bay, I do not expect such a driving finish here as in the other classic.

CHANGE IN PROGRAMME

The numerical order of the races as listed in the draft programme and advance copy of entries has been changed in respect to the first and sixth races. The Queensland Autumn Champions was originally scheduled as the first race and the Tardy Handicap for "B" Class China ponies as the sixth race. These two events have been interchanged, which was undoubtedly an excellent move and should prove beneficial to the participant.

TARDY HANDICAP

All five entries should go to the post in this mile race for "B" Class China ponies and though

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax), are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Telephone 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th December, 1940.

Confusion Bay's best time was 2.22 at the Annual Meeting with 159 lbs., and incidentally beating Eve of Harvest (148 lbs.) in the same event by two clear lengths. O-Lan galloped brilliantly in the St. Leger and finished the last quarter in 28-2/5, with the last mile in 1:55-1/5, and I venture to say that Mr. Needa could have won by a much bigger margin than the official short head. Craigavad has jumped into prominence with the impressive six-furlong win in 1:20-3/5 at the last meeting.

To those who base their calculations mainly on time, we have quite an intricate problem based on the above, and I must admit it would take more than a high-grade Chartered Account to sift out all the details and prove, at least what it appears to be on paper, the best pony to back. I am going to forget all these previous records and base my final selection on the ponies in actual training and their present condition, and may the best pony win.

In passing, I must mention that Eve of Harvest is looking grand and is probably pounds better than when she last raced. Confusion Bay is also primed up and the other candidates looking their usual self.

Laggards' Handicap

Venus Bay has not been too kind to her supporters in the last two meetings and tomorrow I think she has a glorious chance of making it up to them, as the mile will give Mr. Needa plenty of time to get this chestnut balanced and striding out by the time the stretch is reached, where she should be able to show them the way home. The opposition is not formidable and the only others I can concede a chance of making a mild attempt to fight out the issue would be Cookerl and Warrego River. The first named has been showing improved form lately and was only recently demoted, one must remember.

Bredon is not a bad proposition, but will have a much better chance if handled by one of the more experienced and stronger jockeys. Bruno should be the outsider in this event, which incidentally, is the first leg of the Daily Double.

QUEENSLAND AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

The winner of this Classic should be easier to pick than in the fourth event as Sapper is, undoubtedly outstanding and the logical bet. Far View, the winner of the Rothy Hill Derby and always a grim challenger to Sapper, is somewhat off colour at the moment and I doubt if the stable connections will even this bay. Baffin Bay won convincingly at the last meeting in a mile race and the extra quarter tomorrow should be a decided advantage. This pony is practical, if not too badly felled off over the first six furlongs, will make Sapper run over the last half mile.

Viceroy will have a host of supporters, but I feel this one will have to finish behind Sapper and Baffin Bay, and probably have to fight it out with Lancashire Chips and Amicus Curiae for the minor placing.

Lingerers' Handicap

For the second leg of the Daily Double, I like the chances of Longdon, though Rothy is very dangerous especially if Mr. Needa is in the saddle, as was the case last Saturday morning. Quick Despatch (Mr. Black) is quite fit and should be just as good as any of the other two. Rising Star will pay handsomely if successful and therefore this bay is the one to follow if you are one of those punters that must have an outsider every race.

FINAL HANDICAP

The Leopard will have to carry a 7 lbs. penalty for the recent win at Macao and this additional weight may prove too much for this grey. He is still dangerous, however, though I would prefer to place my bet on Royal Highness, who has been doing some steady training work. This chestnut is capable of winning if handled patiently by the jockey and brought along only in the last furlong.

Salvage Master (Tap) has improved and may surprise the favourites. Sunlight View is fast but the weight and distance is against this bay, candidate whom I understand will be ridden by Mr. Peter Wel. If Eve of Peace starts, remember to have at least a covering bet on this pony, as this stable usually has at least one good thing at each meeting.

My final selections will appear tomorrow morning.

KOWLOON CHESS CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

Warm Welcome Extended To First Lady Member

The Kowloon Chess Club Annual Dinner, held at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday night, attracted a very good attendance, 25 members being present and eight guests. The function proved a very enjoyable one and a good number of those who attended stayed after dinner for a Lightning Tournament.

The President, the Rev. G. R. S. Upsdell, speaking at the dinner, extended the warm welcome of the Club to its first lady member, Miss Anna Sequeira, and expressed the wish that at the next annual dinner the fairer sex would have an even larger representation.

The Club's annual tournaments this year had attracted 24 members out of a total membership of 34, and this would surely be considered a good record for any Club, the President said. He said he had heard of the enthusiasm of some of the younger members, and promised that on the completion of the present Club Championship Tournaments a Ladder Tournament would be started.

He also welcomed to the Dinner the two representatives of the Victoria Chess Club, Mr. B. G. Birch and Mr. E. Zimmermann, and extended to all members of the Victoria Chess Club an invitation to attend the Club's weekly meetings at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

He congratulated the prize-winners, and commended to the applause of all present the hard working Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Kurrik, and Mr. A. C. Mitchell, who had contributed to the success of the dinner by preparing a very interesting menu card.

PRESIDENT THANKED
Mr. B. G. Birch, replying for the Victoria Chess Club, thanked the President for his generous invitation to members of his club and said also that though the Victoria Chess Club, always a smaller one than the Kowloon Chess Club, had now only a very small membership it was hoped that the situation would improve in the not too far future when the Club could come out of its, so to call it, hibernation for the present.

However, when inter-Club matches would again become a possibility, he was afraid the Kowloon Chess Club would hold a tremendous advantage in the fact that it could now boast a lady player.

PRIZES PRESENTED
Mr. B. D. Evans and Mr. A. C. Mitchell also spoke. At the conclusion of the dinner, the President presented the prizes to last year's winners.

Colony Championship: Mr. K. M. A. Barnett; runner-up, Mr. E. Zimmermann.

Club Championship: Mr. K. M. A. Barnett; runners-up, Messrs. A. Kurrik and A. Y. Birkhoff.

Club Junior Championship: Mr. W. Lee; runner-up, Mr. F. A. Fabel.

LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT
The following were the results of the Lightning Tournament held after dinner:

Preliminary Round: K. M. A. Barnett beat Cecil Lee; R. Danenberg beat V. D. Rumanzoff; Dr. H. S. Frank beat J. Grefalda; G. S. Coxhead beat C. E. Wong; A. Y. Birkhoff beat J. H. D'Almeida; and C. M. Sequeira beat A. C. Poupart.

First Round: L. R. Gale beat J. Walther; D. Drake beat V. V. Kolatchoff; K. Weiss beat B. D. Evans; W. Lee beat E. Smith; G. S. Coxhead beat Dr. H. S. Frank; and C. M. Sequeira beat A. Y. Birkhoff.

Second Round: Miss A. Sequeira beat K. M. A. Barnett; D. Drake beat L. R. Gale; K. Weiss beat W. Lee; and C. M. Sequeira beat G. S. Coxhead.

Semi-final: D. Drake beat Miss A. Sequeira; C. M. Sequeira beat K. Weiss.

Final: K. Weiss beat D. Drake. Others present who did not participate in the tournament were Messrs. O. F. Hamilton, E. Zimmermann, E. Kern, F. A. Fabel, A. Kurrik, Th. Lauer, W. Paterson, H. W. Randall, and H. A. Samuel.

A sum of \$77 was collected in the course of the evening and which will be donated to the Bomber Fund.

A FAMOUS INDIAN CRICKETER

"DULEEP" RECALLS HIS DEBUT

K. S. Duleepsinhji, the world famous cricketer who earned Test match immortality when he scored 173 runs in his first appearance for England against Australia at Lord's in 1930, this arrived in Singapore from America with his wife on his way back to Jamnagar, India, states the Singapore Herald. He is the nephew of the late Ranjitsinhji.

Very modest, "Duleep" had to be coaxed by interviewers to say something about his cricket career, which had been cut short by an illness which caused him to retire from the sport eight years ago.

"I am out of touch with cricket, though I am still very keen about the game," was one of his reasons for wanting to say nothing, while another was that he wanted to lose no time in getting ashore.

Yet this broad shouldered Indian cricketer who has scored 50 centuries in his seven years of first class cricket from 1925 to 1932, very communicative once he started talking. He said he had played Test cricket for England, against Australia, New Zealand and South Africa many more times than he could remember, and neither could he remember the countless hours he put in every day perfecting those effortless strokes of his, which made him one of the idols of his day.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN

His love for "Kling Willow" gripped him while he was yet a little boy in India. He went to England in 1919, and started his education in Cheltenham School where he became the captain of the school.

Then he graduated to Cambridge University, where he played cricket for the University first eleven for three years before joining Sussex. Soon afterwards he was selected to represent England against Australia.

That was at Lord's in 1930 and he said it was the game he liked to remember above all others, as he scored 173 runs, the highest individual score for England, but not for the match.

He was beaten by Don Bradman, who hit all round the wicket for 220 runs. To him, "Duleep" pays the highest tribute by saying, "Don is a wonderful cricketer, the world's best in his day."

For Larwood, the Nottingham fast bowler who caused a tremendous sensation in Australia with his 22-yard run and 90-miles-an-hour delivery, Duleepsinhji has the highest regard and praises him and Macdonald, the Australian speed merchant, as the world's two fastest bowlers.

"I have been bowled many times by Larwood," said Duleepsinhji with a far-away look in his eyes, before he commented on whom he thought were the two best googly bowlers in the world, "Tich" Freeman and C. V. Grimmett.

Maurice Tate he said, was the best medium-paced bowler he had ever faced, and then, without any warning he was off and the interview ended.

CRICKET WIN FOR MEDICAL "A"

In an inter-Faculty friendly cricket match between the Medical "A" and Medical "B" elevens at Pokfulam yesterday, "A" defeated "B" by two wickets.

"B"—128 runs (C.W. Hool 21, Amplanavar 27; Haung 3 for 8, Ben Gupta 4 for 27).

"A"—173 runs for 9 wickets (Haung 34, T. S. Chin 42; Amplanavar 4 for 51).



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Leading Boxers "Grow In Plantations" In Hawaii

Centre of American amateur boxing is not far from the centre of the Pacific Ocean—and that isn't as crazy as it sounds. For the greatest and best-coached group of amateur boxers we have yet seen is growing up on the Hawaiian Islands.

The Island boys proved their skill to express his thoughts by ability this year. When the National A.A.U. championships were held in Boston the team from Honolulu placed six men in the semi-finals, four in the finals, and took home two national championships. No other city in the country came close to that mark, yet Honolulu isn't a big place.

Why, should these tropical islands have so many skilled fighters? It isn't climate; if anything their weather is a bit warm for vigorous athletics. It isn't race; one of the national champions from Hawaii was Japanese, Paul Matsumoto, few Japanese have won boxing titles.

"We sought out 'Pump' Searle, one of the leaders in Hawaiian sport, and asked him about it."

"The plantations," he said enigmatically, waving his arms.

SIGN LANGUAGE
"What about the plantations?" we insisted, pinning him down, "Pump" has a way of flailing the

sign language, we know this was an old Indian custom, but didn't realize it extended as far west as Hawaii. Some people who have interviewed "Pump" claim that he couldn't talk if his hands were tied behind his back; but this is unfair. It isn't that easy to stop him.

"The plantations," he repeated "Competition. Teams. Coaches. Gymnasiums. Might as well be a league of colleges."

Sounded as if he had something there. He went on "The centre of life outside the big towns is the plantation. The big sugar and pineapple companies have thousands of people living on their farms. The villages are built according to plan. Besides theatre and stores, they have gymnasiums and all kinds of sports fields. They hire professional coaches. And lots of the older workers who boxed a few years ago also help trim the boys."

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- Title of respect
- Small cask
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- Incline the body
- Precious stone
- Symbol for bellurium
- Perfume from flowers
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SOLUTION TOMORROW

NEW STRATEGY PUTS U.S. BATTLE LINE IN FAR EAST, NOT AT HAWAII

WASHINGTON, NOV. 28.—NAVY SECRETARY FRANK KNOX SERVED NOTICE ON THE WORLD TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS PREPARING TO DEFEND THE WEST HEMISPHERE AGAINST ALL COMERS WHEN HE REVEALED THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ALLOTTED \$50,000,000 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHAIN OF AIR AND NAVAL BASES RECENTLY ACQUIRED FROM GREAT BRITAIN IN EXCHANGE FOR 56 OVER-AGE DESTROYERS.

At his press conference today, Secretary Knox declined to comment on whether there had been any developments in respect to joint use of British and United States bases in the Pacific as has been reported in Washington and London.

However, despite the official reticence in Washington, it was understood that American defense strategy in the Far East has undergone a rapid crystallization since the adherence of Japan to the tripartite alliance, and plans are now being worked out for a new strategy.

REVAMP PLAN FOR P. I.
This is the impression of observers from informal conversations with American defense leaders who feel that the American public is opposed to a hasty retreat from the Far East under pressure from Japan.

Although the general plan in recent years has been to withdraw to Hawaii at the first real sign of trouble, and exert naval pressure from there, the new strategy in general consists of establishing a battle line in the Far East itself. Plans for defense of the Philippines are understood to have been revamped in the light of new factors, and to include provision for holding the Islands against attack for as long as possible.

Observers pointed out, however, that all war-plan strategy is theoretical, and based on the supposed occurrence of certain events under certain conditions. Experts agree that all such plans must be made subject to infinite modification and variation.

NEED P. I. COOPERATION
Nevertheless it is a feeling in official circles that successful opposition can be afforded on a Far Eastern front against even such a major power as Japan, provided certain conditions are met.

It is necessary, in the first place, that the American army have the full cooperation of the Filipino people and the Philippine militia. Under plans recently disclosed the pick of the Philippine militia—about 50,000—would be incorporated into the U. S. Army in a Far Eastern emergency development.

Philippine Commonwealth officials have pledged to the United States government full cooperation for the defense of the Philippines, and of the Far Eastern interests of the United States. It is anticipated that military supplies would be sent to the Philippines to equip such a force, if it were necessary to use it.

Such an army, under the command of American leaders but staffed by Filipino officers trained in the Philippines, "West Point" would be used to hold strategic points against invasion and to keep supply lines intact.

WOULD FACILITATE BLOCKADE
The big problem would be defense against air attack, since there is no immediate prospect of maintaining a sufficient air force in the Philippines to keep command of the air over the Islands.

Meanwhile, resistance to invasion in the Philippines would give the U. S. fleet a chance to deploy itself to best advantage which, under present circumstances, would most likely involve stationing a strong combat unit at Singapore or Hongkong, according to expert opinion. The main portion of the fleet would remain based at Hawaii, but would spread out farwise to prevent a "sneak" across the Pacific for a foray against supply lines or against the Panama Canal.

TRADITIONAL STRATEGY
Such a naval arrangement would facilitate a blockade of Japan's eastward and westward commerce, and might lay the groundwork for a battle on the high seas between the main branches of the opposing fleets.

Such a campaign, experts speculate, might be of brief duration, or it might be long drawn out. It does not envisage large-scale bombing of civilian or industrial centers, but is based on the traditional strategy of economic strangulation combined with naval maneuver.

In this plan, the Philippines play a central role. It was said, because resistance to invasion, which almost necessarily would be the first step in a direct

offensive against American interests in the Far East, would give the interlude necessary to arrange definitive battle lines.

TO VISIT PANAMA
Knox announced in today's press conference the organization of the eighth naval district headquarters at New Orleans to be completed on Dec. 15.

The navy secretary also revealed that he would make a flying trip to Panama, Culebra and Guantánamo between Dec. 4 and 12.

Knox's announcement of the \$50,000,000 allotment for bases in the Atlantic served as a reminder to a few South American nations that these bases will not only be an invaluable asset to "hemisphere defense" but may prove of considerable importance to the "national defenses" of many of the American republics.

The United States has officially served notice that the new bases to be built from Newfoundland to Georgetown in British Guiana will be opened to the use of all the republics of the New World, and not the United States alone.

FREE USE OF BASES
This announced purpose has generally been assumed to mean that naval and air forces of the other American republics, engaged in joint defense of the American continent as a whole, would be free to use these bases for refueling, provisioning and repairs while on patrol duty.

However, it is pointed out that the United States, in offering the bases to the other Americas, placed no limitation on their use. Thus, it is pointed out, such bases as Trinidad and Georgetown might prove of considerable value to such countries as Brazil, Venezuela and possibly Colombia as the starting point for air patrols of their territories in event of non-American aggression.

Trinidad, for example, shields a large portion of Venezuela from any approach from the east and north. It also commands the Orinoco river delta and the great river valley lying behind it.

Trinidad, when fortified and protected, will be able to control ship movements approaching or leaving the river. In event of emergency no hostile force could approach the river mouth on a large part of the Venezuelan coast unchallenged. In addition, Venezuela's small fleet of submarines and armed motor launches would find a new safe base for coastal operations.

COULD GUARD AMAZON
Trinidad and Georgetown might provide suitable bases for Brazilian and Venezuelan air forces operating over the vast Amazon and Orinoco valleys. Aircraft operating from the British Guiana base, for example, would be able to penetrate far into the Brazilian interior.

Such patrols might greatly assist the defense of the Amazon valley in an emergency. Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia have territories within the Amazon basin of which the western watershed is only a few hundred miles from the Pacific at some points.

The "inter-American" bases might also prove of indirect value to other republics not in proximity to them. It is pointed out, for example, that vessels from countries on the west coast of South America might find Jamaica, Trinidad or Georgetown convenient places for refueling, provisioning and repair.

In connexion with the new bases, reports are current here that the establishment of a base at Bahia de Samana is being studied in official circles. These reports are not confirmed. Special naval privileges for United States in Samana bay have been discussed intermittently for more than half a century.

NATURAL SUITABLE SITE
Many experts believe this bay would be an ideal location for a new base, or at least an anchorage.

HOME PAPER FINED

PUBLISHED ARTICLE ON EMPIRE DEFENCES

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The first prosecution of a newspaper under the Defence Regulations resulted in the Managing Editor and publisher of the Reynolds News being fined £30 each and instructed to pay £10 each for costs.

The allegation was that the newspaper published matter which might have been useful to the enemy.

An article concerning the defence of certain parts of the Empire was published fully in some editions of the newspaper, ignoring the deletions made by the official censor.

The Magistrate trying the case agreed that a mistake had been made and that there was no intentional anti-British action.

MISSIONARIES AND FAMILIES LEAVE CHINA, JAPAN, KOREA

WITHDRAWALS ARE TEMPORARY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The temporary withdrawal of approximately 100 missionaries with their families from China, Japan and Korea was announced yesterday by the Committee on Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The announcement declares the withdrawals are only temporary and have been ordered only after repeated and urgent requests by consular authorities in the Far East under orders from the Department of State in Washington. Most of those being withdrawn are older missionaries and women and children.

Small cadres will be left at each mission.

CANADIANS NOT AFFECTED
TORONTO, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The local missionary headquarters of Canadian churches pointed out that the withdrawal of United States missionaries from the Far East does not affect Canadian missionaries serving in China, Japan and Korea.

A number of Canadian missionaries have returned from their posts in China, Japan and Korea but other parties have taken their places in the last few months.

The withdrawal of United States missionaries is said to conform to the general advice to United States residents to leave the Orient.

Air Marshal Tedder Commences Duties
CAIRO, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Air Marshal A. W. Tedder has arrived and has commenced duties as Deputy to the Air Officer Commanding the R.A.F. in the Middle East. It was disclosed yesterday.

This was the post Air Marshal Boyd was en route to take when he was captured by the Italians after a forced landing in Sicily in November.

It is surrounded on three sides by land and holds a commanding position in relation to the important Mona Passage, which separates the Dominican Republic from Puerto Rico.

Some unofficial naval experts have also suggested the advisability of new bases in the vicinity of the "bulge" of Brazil, particularly in view of the fact that this area is the nearest part of the American continent to European-controlled territory. Dakar, the French African colony, is directly across the south Atlantic from the "bulge," a distance of something over 1,000 miles.

VITAL ITALIAN OIL SUPPLIES THREATENED BY GREEK PUSH

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—An important source of Italian oil supplies is menaced by the Greek push in north Albania directed towards the Skumbi river valley.

The Devoli River region is threatened; from here comes at least half of Italy's peacetime oil requirements. Though this proportion is reduced owing to war time consumption, the importance of the area is increased by Italy's geographical position and her susceptibility to blockade.

For over a decade before Mussolini drove out King Zog and seized his country, Italy had shown a great interest in, and had spent much money on the development of this oilfield.

Italian interests began prospecting as long ago as 1925. Real progress was visible in 1933 when the Italian Government voted 200 million lire for developing Albanian oil resources. The building of a pipeline to a little oil port near Valona was inaugurated and in January 1938 the first load of crude oil was carried along the 48-mile pipeline.

On the seizure of Albania early in 1939, absolute control of this oil industry constituted one of Italy's chief economic gains, and development was pressed forward with an even greater intensity.

VITAL CONSTITUENT
Several hundred wells were sunk, and it became clear that Italy regarded Albanian oil as a vital constituent in her economic bloodstream.

So fast was the development pushed that soon after annexation Italy was obtaining 15,000 tons of oil monthly, compared with only 1,500 tons five years earlier.

In the past 12 months there has been feverish activity in the Devoli Valley, presumably as a result of the locking of the Mediterranean by the Royal Navy which prevents Italian imports of oil from other parts of the world.

VALONA BOMBED AGAIN
ATHENS, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—R.A.F. again bombed Valona on Tuesday and a vessel in the harbour was hit while other bombs fell among the buildings, munition dump and in the motor transport park.

This was announced at the R.A.F. headquarters in Greece yesterday and it added that all British aircraft returned safely.

No Statement On British War Aims Yet

PRINCIPLES UNDER EXAMINATION

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Statements regarding impending British announcements of war aims are premature. For some time past the Cabinet has been giving a provisional examination to the principles which might guide a general settlement.

It is intended that when Government has brought these discussions to a more definite stage, Dominion and Allied Governments shall be consulted.

It is obvious that no public statement can be expected in the meantime. In any case, such a statement could only be on general lines as it is not possible to foresee what basic developments may take place in the war situation.

PARTY STRIFE
Furthermore, Government must bear in mind that while it may be desirable to make known what Great Britain and the Allies are fighting for, it is not desirable to place any handicap in advance on any Government which might succeed them after the war is won or to revive Party strife by enunciating proposals which could cause controversy and weaken the war effort.

A British statement is not expected before the New Year, but it is anticipated that the Prime Minister will take an early opportunity in 1941 to make a pronouncement to the world on the subject of the Allies' war aims.

U. S. DECLARATION
In this connexion it may be recalled that President Roosevelt makes his inauguration speech at Washington early in January—50 occasion which would seem inevitably to promise a declaration of importance from the President of the United States.

MESSERSCHMITTS

BEAT HASTY RETREAT

SOUTH-EAST COAST TOWN BOMBED

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Small numbers of enemy aircraft have been active over the Channel and south-east coast of England during daylight yesterday and bombs were dropped in a town on the south-east coast shortly after noon.

These, says an Air Ministry communique, demolished some shops and houses and caused a small number of casualties. It added that one enemy aircraft was destroyed by R.A.F. fighters without loss.

Eight Messerschmitt 109s approached the south-east coast of England yesterday afternoon and then suddenly turned and made for home in a hurry.

Watchers on the ground soon saw the reason for their flight. A patrol of Spitfires came tearing across the sky headed for Germany.

REPLACING BRITISH SHIP LOSSES

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The co-operation of the United States in replacing British shipping losses will continue, declared Admiral Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission.

Adm. Land said that British losses are now far from two and a half million tons. The United States, despite many sales, had a reserve of old vessels which could be sold abroad.



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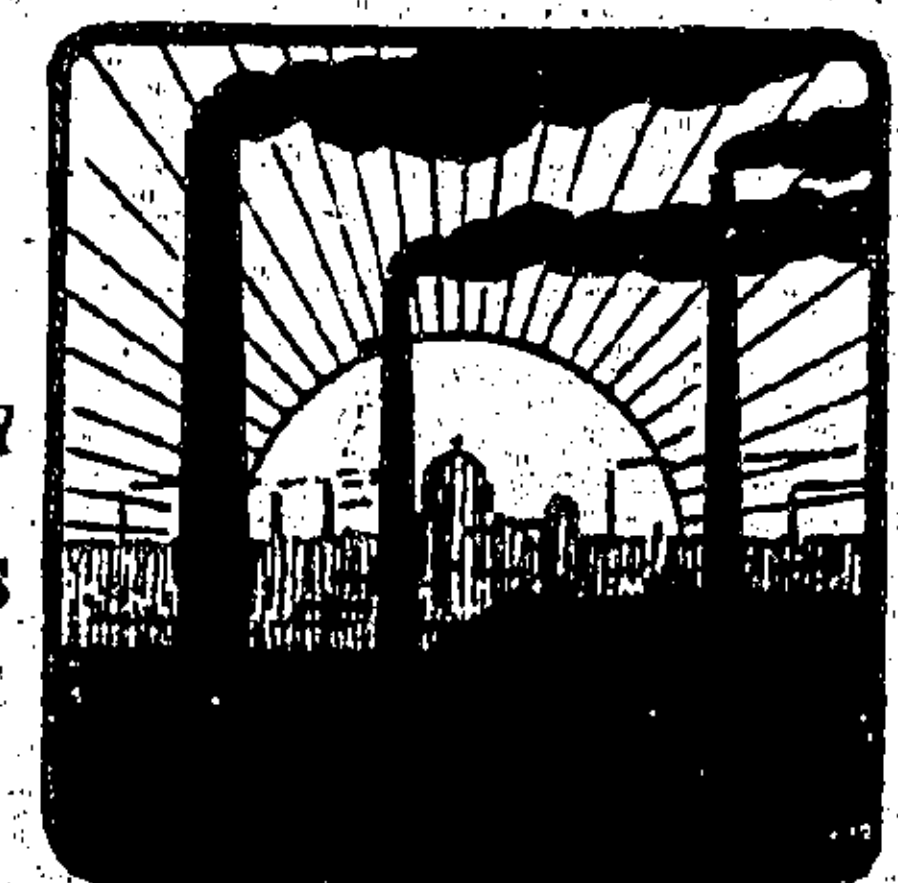
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Group photograph taken at the Tai Tung Restaurant yesterday after the marriage between Mr. Ho Man-wai and Miss Yeung Yee-fong. The ceremony was according to Chinese rites. (King's Studio)

REPULSE BAY ROAD CAR COLLISION RECALLED

Question Of Negligence To Be Decided In Claim

A motor collision at Repulse Bay Road, near Deep Water Bay, in the early hours of Sept. 8, had a sequel before Mr. Justice Williams in the Summary Court yesterday when the Great Star Motor Car Co., of No. 61, Lockhart Road, brought a claim for damages, amounting to \$253, against the Ping On Motor Car Co., of No. 60, Lockhart Road.

In their statement of claim, the plaintiffs said that while their driver was driving car No. 233 along Repulse Bay Road, about 12.15 a.m. on Sept. 8, from Stanley to Hongkong, he saw, at the scene of the accident, a rock on the roadway a little distance ahead blocking half the road. He thereupon stopped the car by the roadside, with the view to giving the signal for the cars following to stop as well.

In spite of this the driver of defendants' car (No. 152) drove the car so negligently as to collide into the rear of plaintiffs' car, pushing it over the rock. By this act, defendants' car thereby caused damage to the plaintiffs' car.

As to the damages, plaintiffs' claim was \$133 for repairs, and \$120 for loss of the use of the car for 12 days. The plaintiffs also claimed the costs of the action.

The defendants, while admitting the place and time of the collision and that their car was following behind plaintiffs', denied that their driver was guilty of alleged, or any, negligence. They further contended that the driver of plaintiffs' car was to be blamed for the collision, and counter-claimed for the sum of \$410.60, being \$300.60 for repairs and \$110 for the loss of the use of the car.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. P. Wynter Blyth for the defendants.

ONLY QUESTION

Mr. Silva said that the only question to be decided was that of negligence as both the claim and counter-claim had been agreed between the solicitors. Plaintiffs' car, driven by Wong Yau-hing, was proceeding along Repulse Bay Road in the straight stretch of 350 feet between two bends.

At the far end of the stretch, within 30 feet, where the road turned to the right, the driver saw a rock blocking the roadway. He also saw two cars coming from the opposite direction—that is, from Hongkong to Repulse Bay. He had no alternative but to stop which he did, signalling the usual signal for cars to stop. He was then travelling at between 20 and 25 miles per hour, and stopped within 10 feet.

Continuing, Mr. Silva said that just as the driver was applying his hand brakes, there was a violent bump against the car from behind which threw the vehicle onto the rock and over it. The car which ran into plaintiffs' was driven by defendants' driver.

Mr. Silva went on to say that when the plaintiffs' car was about 100 feet from the rock there was a flash in the mirror, and, looking up, the driver saw a car 200 odd feet away. After the first sight of the rock, the driver gave a hasty glance at the mirror and saw a car about 80 to 90 feet behind him. According to that evidence, that would have been, and should have been, a ample time for defendants' car to stop.

DIAGONAL POSITION

Shortly after the collision, the driver alighted from the car and

saw defendants' car had collided with his in a diagonal position. A test made after the collision showed that the rear light of the plaintiffs' car was in perfect order. If there had been a careful watch kept by defendants' driver there would have been no collision.

Evidence was then given by Wong Yau-hing, the driver of plaintiffs' car.

In cross-examination, Wong said that the damage to his car was to rear portion of the car which was dented, the spring of the rear wheel was broken, the wooden body of the rear portion of the car was all broken, and the undercarriage of the car near the oil tank was damaged by the rock when the car was pushed over it.

The hearing was then adjourned until Jan. 3, 1941, at 11.30 a.m.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 11:—Cholera, one case; Diphtheria, two cases; Enteric Fever, one case; Measles, one case; Dysentery, seven cases; Tuberculosis, 40 cases.

Y'S MEN'S TIFFIN:

INTERESTING ADDRESS ON WOMEN-SOLDIERS OF CHINA

An impression of the modern women of China, as gathered during his recent trip to Kook Kung, wartime seat of the Provincial Government of Kwangtung, formed the topic of Dr. Li Ying-lam's speech entitled "A Trip to the North of Kwangtung" given at the weekly lunch meeting of the Y's Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday.

Explaining why he was going to lay emphasis on women, in the opening of his speech, the Chancellor of Lingnam University said that the fair sex always had a stronger hold on the attention of men of all ages.

Dr. Li began by saying that it was very difficult to distinguish women from men on the streets of Kook Kung nowadays, since they dressed exactly like men—in full soldier's kit. Relating his own experience, he said that he had been in an awkward position many times when meeting such women-soldiers.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

During his stay in the wartime provincial capital he had come across many women doing what was supposed previously to be men's job—business. The calmness of the fair sex in facing the frequent air raids was another to be marvelled, he said.

His general impression was that everybody feels free in Free China, and as there is work for everyone to gain a living on, he strongly urged that Chinese men and women should go there to do their part for the country.

Big Chinese Wedding

HO-YEUNG

Two prominent families were united yesterday afternoon when Mr. Ho Man-wai, son of Mr. Ho Ching-fai and the late Mrs. Ho, of 118, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, was married to Miss Yeung Yee-fong, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Yeung, of Hongkong.

The ceremony, according to Chinese rites, took place at Tai Tung Restaurant, Des Voeux Road, at 4 p.m. There was a large gathering of friends and well wishers at the ceremony.

Mr. Wong Kan-chun and Mr. Yee Kok-pang were witnesses to the marriage.

BRIDAL GOWN

The bride, who was attired in white satin bridal gown, cut on Princess lines, carried a sheaf of tuber roses. She wore the conventional tulle veil and a tiara of orange blossoms.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Yeung Ko-fong, as bridesmaid. She wore a white satin gown and a spray of artificial tuber roses in her hair. She carried a sheaf of pink gladioli and maiden hair fern.

FLOWER-GIRLS

The two flower-girls—Misses Ko Wing-sum and Wo Lai-ming—wore pink satin frocks, with ruffles along the neck and hem of the skirts. They carried baskets of pastel shade chrysanthemums.

Mr. Liu Kam-tong acted as bestman.

A dinner was held at the same restaurant last night when there was another large attendance of friends of the newly wedded couple.

AUXILIARY NURSING SERVICE

FIRST AID EXAM. RESULTS

The following candidates satisfied the examiner at the recent First Aid Examination at the Queen Mary Hospital and will receive St. John's Ambulance' certificate in due course:—

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GLIDER MOVEMENT

With a view to promoting popular air-mindedness and as a step towards training more air pilots, a movement has been launched by the China Branch of the International Peace Campaign among its two million members to raise funds for a squadron of gliders to be christened as the "Anti-Agression Squadron."

A total amount of \$10,000 has already been collected for this purpose, including contributions from the various Provincial Councils of the China Branch.

A drive for funds among the members in Chungking will be launched shortly. (Central News).

NEW REVENUE DIRECTOR

The National Government in a mandate appointed Mr. Chang Ching-yu Director of the Internal Revenue Administration under the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Chang, a native of Kaotang in the province of Shantung, has been Vice-Director of the Air Force Administration of the Ministry of War, Counsellor of the Ministry of War, member of the Honan Provincial Government, and technical member of the Examination Committee of the Examination Yuan. (Central News).

POLICE REPORTS

The thefts of name plates from the National Commercial Saving Bank, of No. 65 Connaught Road Central, and the Bank of Taiwan, Prince's Building, have been reported to the Police. The total value of the plates were \$30.

Mr. F. A. Sutton, of Shell House, has reported the theft of a Chuck drilling machine between Dec. 9 and 10. The machine was valued at \$30.

Miss Joana Schaffer, of the Mental Hospital, reports that while walking along Eastern Street at 12 p.m. on Wednesday her handbag was snatched from her. The bag and contents were valued at \$30.

Prof. Wilkinson, of No. 8 University Path, has reported the theft of a number of medical instruments from his car which was parked outside the University between 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

A bullock valued at \$100, has been reported stolen from his farm by Mr. Wilson, of Yu Kwai So village.

Money, watches and a fountain pen, to the total value of \$100 were stolen from the residence of Cheuk Yue-tong, of No. 20 Caine Road, which was entered by a thief between 10.30 p.m. on Wednesday and 7 a.m. yesterday.

In Nanning, Wuming, Shannan, Fuman and Shilin have been ordered to resume classes in their original premises for the spring term next year. (Central News).

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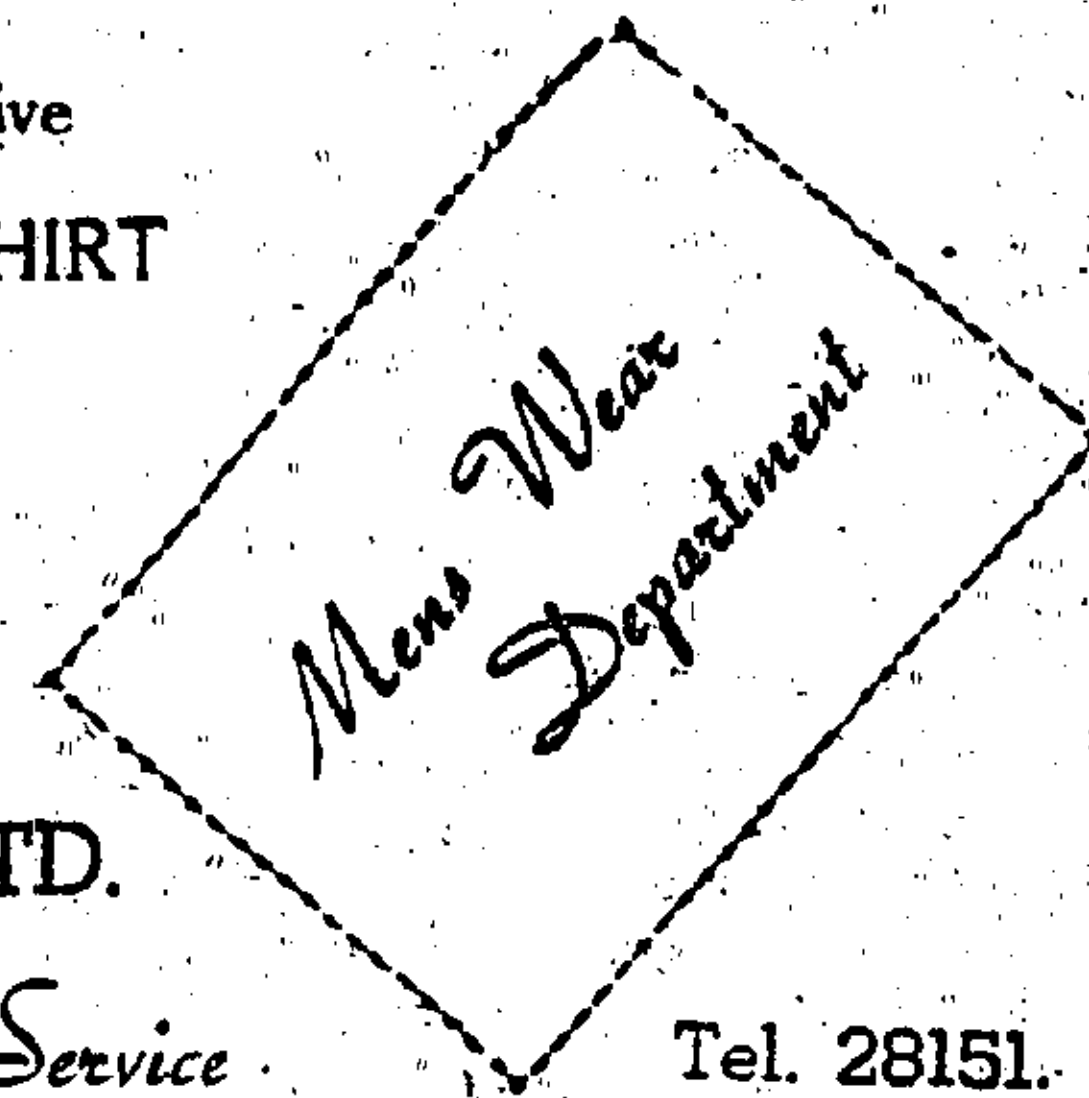
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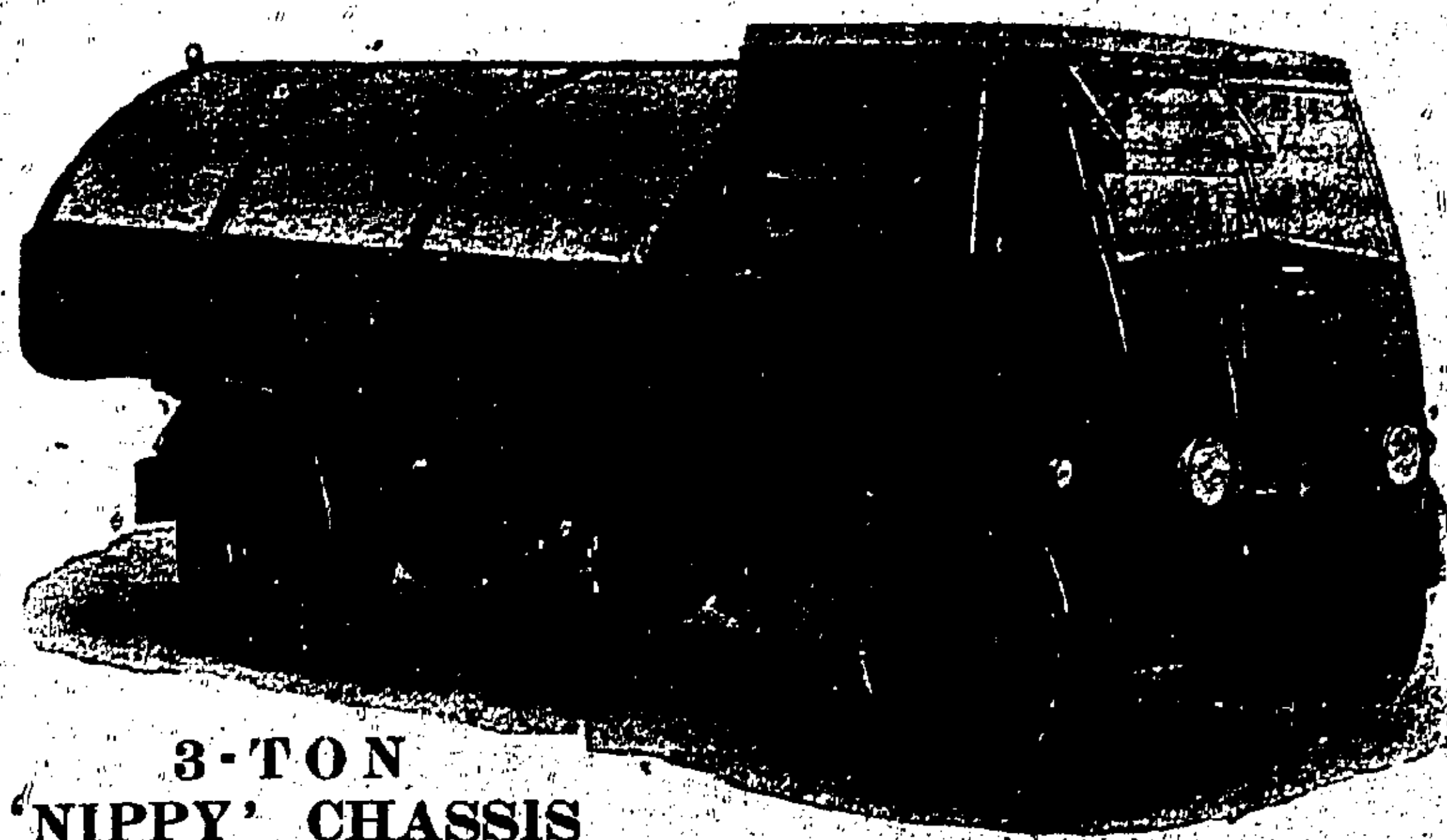
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Failure to pay the above fee on or before 30th December, this year, will result in the automatic removal of the name of the person concerned from the Dental Register in accordance with the following Section of the Registration of Dentists Ordinance:—

"Section 11 (4). The name of any registered dentist who fails to obtain an annual practising certificate prior to the commencement of any year shall be removed from the register."

P. S. SELWYN-CLARKE,
Director of Medical Services.
12th December, 1940.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificates 6/NS. 4412 dated Hongkong, 16th January, 1936 for Three shares of this Bank numbered 97994/97996 inclusive registered in the names of Messrs. Maneck Roostumjee Mehta and Dhum Manek Mehta has been Lost or Stolen, and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 11th January, 1941, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS. 4412 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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EUROPE'S REAL DICTATOR

THE LESSONS which M. Stalin learnt in his campaign against Finland have proved of the greatest benefit to him. Today the Russian dictator can well be described as the wisest and most cautious of the leaders in Europe—in fact, the real dictator. The enigmatic stand which the President of the Soviet Union has taken up is not so difficult to understand in view of the fact that the on-looker sees most of the defects in the game. From the moment that M. Stalin realised that he had only narrowly gained his object in Finland, he lost no time in consolidating his position in the Baltic and then sat back to watch—and learn—how his newly-found friends would fare in the scrimmage which they had created in Europe. This attitude has enabled him to recuperate in some measure from his losses in the Finnish campaign. He has steadily strengthened his fighting forces and defences and has gradually acquired for the Soviet the distinction of being the most sought after power on the Continent.

CONFIDENCE in his position has enabled him to remain impervious to threat and cajolery and he still reserves for himself and his country—the Non-aggression Pact with the Axis notwithstanding—the right to act and think just as he sees fit. During the past few weeks he has shown clearly that he does not see fit to commit himself in any way so far as the hostilities in Europe are concerned. His strategy is admirable and his diplomacy has adhered strictly to principles which, he is convinced, will accrue to his greatest benefit without suffering any setbacks caused by letting his country being embroiled in warfare. The belligerents in the present war realise the importance of Soviet power today and efforts have been continually made to woo the Dictator of the Kremlin to take sides, but M. Stalin continues to keep the world guessing. Of late, however, there has been a little clarification of Soviet policy—mostly based on conjecture, it is true—but sufficient, nevertheless, to show that the head of the Soviet Union has begun to form his own conclusions of how unlikely it is that the Axis Powers can succeed in their conflict against the democracies.

THIS CLARIFICATION has come after the recent visit of M. Molotov, the Soviet Premier, to Berlin—a visit, which, unfortunately for the Axis partners, coincided with a disastrous series of events in the Mediterranean and the Balkans which reacted most unfavourably to Axis hopes of influencing Russia to any advantage. M. Molotov listened to all that was told him in a benign manner, dined and wine well at the Axis board in Berlin, turned an uncompromising eye on the flattering reception which he was accorded and departed to report to his chief. What he reported can only be guessed at, but when days of waiting brought no indication to Ber-

CORRESPONDENCE

TELEPHONISTS FOR A.F.S.

The Editor, H.K. Daily Press
Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of your valuable paper, call for volunteers to serve as telephoneists in the Auxiliary Fire Service. A further twenty-four operators are required. Men or women are equally suitable. Applicants must have a knowledge of the Chinese and English languages. Previous experience as a telephone operator is desirable, but not essential, as recruits will be given a course of instruction.

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Applications should be sent to me at Central Fire Brigade, Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,
D. H. SLAKE,
Superintendent, A.F.S.

INSPECTION OF WARDENS

The Editor, H.K. Daily Press
Dear Sir,—The inspection of the Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21, 1940, at 3.30 p.m., but it is realised that owing to the Christmas season, it may be inconvenient for some firms to allow Wardens in their employ to attend this parade.

His Excellency the Acting Governor has, however, expressed the hope that any firm which has Wardens on its staff will grant them every facility to attend this parade.

As this is the first official inspection of the Corps, I hope all firms will co-operate wholeheartedly, so that the number of Wardens on parade may be as great as possible.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. S. STEELE-PERKINS
Director of Air Raid Precautions.

lin of the desired result, the Axis partners realised that they had failed and looked about elsewhere for another likely dupe. Bulgaria was baited and King Boris hurried off to the Reich capital. On the way he probably learned that the Soviet had failed to respond to the Axis plea and, as he has now disclosed, made his own adjustment to the Axis Pact conditional on Soviet partnership being first forthcoming.

NEITHER GERMANY nor Italy were in a position to force Russia to do this and the Bulgarian bait was reluctantly withdrawn. In the meantime, feeling that Herr Hitler might resort to forceful measures with Bulgaria so as to permit him to send his troops through that country to the help of his distressed Italian ally, M. Stalin recently gave a further indication of his dictatorial position in Europe when he dropped a stern hint to the German Fuehrer that such a move would be opposed by the Soviet. Axis disappointment must have been increased by their failure to even persuade M. Stalin to settle his differences with Tokyo, so as to allow the new ally to the Tripartite Pact an opportunity for doing something to justify the doubtful honour which Germany and Italy had conferred on Japan. M. Stalin unceremoniously waved these requests aside and administered a further shock to the three aggressors by reaffirming his determination to continue giving assistance to China, to drive out the Japanese brigands from her soil. This has M. Stalin become the real Dictator of Europe and no small part of Asia as well.

PARLIAMENT MINDFUL OF WHAT THEY ARE SAYING
ITS DEMOCRATIC DUTIES: RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

"Even in these days of danger, Parliament is mindful of its democratic duties," said SIR FREDERICK WHYTE, K.C.S.I., former Political Adviser to the National Government of China, when he spoke in London on Wednesday on the work done by the House of Commons and its importance to the British war efforts.

"Parliament," said Sir Frederick, "is the chief mouthpiece of British democracy and its behaviour in this crisis is no small thing. In pre-war days, money votes brought in Parliament were subject to close scrutiny from the point of view of the rights of the people to know how money was being spent. Today, the House votes all the money wanted for the war in double quick time."

Sir Frederick declared that there were still plenty of grievances which were voiced in the House of Commons. They arose in different forms every day as new war problems arose in the lives of the people.

"I am far from singing panegyrics to say what they can or cannot do," continued Sir Frederick, "but I do know that some of the best improvements in our wartime measures are due to pressure brought upon Parliament during questions in the House."

"Those of you who have seen the House at work at question time will not doubt remember that it is an animated and interesting time. There is a deal of heckling, but this heckling achieves results that might have been long delayed if the subject had to await ordinary debate."

CASE OF ALIENS
"Take the case of aliens in Britain, as an instance. Two quite different things are involved in this question. On the one hand, remembering the work of Fifth Columnists in Holland and elsewhere, the Government is taking no chances and started putting them all in camps. It was a sweeping move in the face of acute danger."

"The Government swept them all up and sent most of them to the Isle of Man and there they would have remained if not for some members of Parliament saying that Parliament should respect the rights of man. The Government was questioned to find out whether any attempt had been made to separate the sheeps from the goats to give the right type of aliens a chance to show that they had no right to be shut up."

"Now we are in a fair way to more reasonable terms in regard to aliens in Britain. I have taken this question first deliberately, because it shows that even in these days of danger, Parliament is mindful of its democratic duties."

MOVE VITAL MATTERS

Sir Frederick went on to point out that when they turned to more vital things, Parliamentary action could again be seen—whether it be organising, or bettering the conditions of the soldier or the sailor on the lower deck or the activities of profiteers or the hundred-and-one questions that arise. Parliament could claim that it has taken the leading part in everything, and shown the Government how and where the shoe pinches.

Parliamentary debate had made the Government change its mind about air raid shelters and it was common knowledge now that deep shelters came into being due to pressure mainly voiced in the House of Commons at question time.

"Here then is the answer," said Sir Frederick. "To the gibes that Parliament is only a talking shop. It is this talk shop that had written some of the supreme pages of English history."

"In measuring and disciplining the people for war, the Government finds the House of Commons indispensable. I have heard it said sometimes Parliament is a brake to speedy executive action. I do not say it is so. I find nothing in the record of the Hansard to show that the House of Commons has ever allowed delay to impede action."

"Indeed, at this moment, the House of Commons can be said to be at the head of the Government in its desire to speed things up."

SHANGHAI:

A GOOD STORY COMES TO US FROM SHANGHAI. It concerns a Japanese policeman and half a dozen romping, playful children. Here it is:

The children were enjoying a paper-cutting game in an alley—they were cutting the paper into strips with a knife and strewing it in the wind and enjoying the antics the pieces made as they floated in the air.

Along comes a Japanese policeman, gets unduly suspicious about this pastime and proceeds to investigate!

The children, awed by his presence, got away from the place faster than the Japanese policeman could keep pace with them and disappeared into the alleyway where they lived.

The Japanese policeman was, of course, unable to identify the delinquents when he made his report and his higher authorities immediately took steps to close the alleyway at both ends.

In the meantime, the garbage round the western district is beginning to pile up and "the New Order in Asia" is beginning to smell! This should certainly promote a good sale of gas-masks in the district!

AUSTRALIA:

The following information about schools in Australia should prove of benefit to parents in the Far East who have contemplating sending their children to Australia for their education:

There are excellent public schools in Australia, run on the English educational system. They provide for both boarders and for day pupils.

The schools all have a matron, who is a trained nurse, to look after the health of the children. All denominations are catered for by these schools, which have plenty of good playing fields and also provide for physical instruction to be given.

The general curriculum is the same as in England. The standard of instruction is high, while the teachers hold University diplomas as well as diplomas for teaching.

There are six Australian Universities, with three term of fifteen weeks. Arrangements can be made, if desired, to have the children looked after during the holidays.

The rate of fees, etc., vary from £70 to £160, Australian currency (£125 Australian = £100 English).

There are 73 boys' schools and 120 girls' schools and the Australian National Travel Association issues a pamphlet called "Australian Schools" which gives particulars about these educational institutions.

Further information can be obtained from the various Australian Trade Commissioners in the Far East.

NEWSETTES

The Hongkong English Forum is presenting its Third Annual Family Show tomorrow (Saturday) at 8 p.m. at the Chinese Y.W.C.A., Bonham Road. As the proceeds will be given to charity, it is hoped the show will receive public support.

An unclaimed telegram from Shanghai, addressed to James Campbell, H.M.S. Tamar, is lying at the office of Messrs. Cable and Wireless, Ltd.

Mr. W. O'Neill, manager of Reuters, Ltd., returned from Manila yesterday by a Dutch boat.

Lt. Col. H. de L. Panet returned yesterday by a Dutch vessel from a visit to Batavia.

The Government-Trained Teachers' Union will hold a "Supper Dance at the Roof Garden, Hongkong Hotel, on Dec. 21 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. All who wish to join this dance should communicate with Mr. Chan Wai-Ming, c/o Hotel Cecil, or Mr. O'Eng Bee, c/o St. Joseph's College. Reservation of tables can be made at Hongkong Hotel.

FOUR WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The following weddings took place yesterday at the Registry of Marriages, Supreme Court, before the Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Mr. J. Reynolds:—

Mr. Woo Chung-ming, clerk, of No. 104, Belcher's Street, 2nd floor, Kennedy Town, and Miss Kwok Yee-man, teacher, of No. 15, Haven Street, 1st floor, Causeway Bay.

Mr. Wong Kwok-ching, cashier, of the Red Lion Inn, and Miss Cheung Wai-ling, of No. 1, Lock Road, 2nd floor.

Mr. Chan Chee-yip, storekeeper, of No. 14, Catchick Street, and Miss Leung Keng-kwan, of No. 72, Queen's Road West.

Mr. Fung Fa-jun, medical practitioner, of No. 25, Ventris Road, and Miss Woo Tze-sung, student, of No. 15, Kennedy Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—

Mr. Yan Yuk-fan, master of the Tung Yik Steam Launch Company, and Miss Kwok Man, of No. 583, Nathan Road, 2nd floor.

Mr. Robert Tsui, draughtsman, of No. 80, Ts Kow Ling Road, 2nd floor, and Miss Annie Chung, of No. 90, Queen's Road East.

Mr. Tang Kai-fun, merchant, of No. 38, Li Po Lung Terrace, West Point, and Miss Lai Yee-lan, student, of the same address.

GENERAL WAVELL'S SMASH WAY INTO SIDI BARRANI

Decisive Success For British Arms: Egypt Joyous Over Capture

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—NEWS OF THE CAPTURE OF SIDI BARRANI SUGGESTS THAT THE BRITISH ARMS HAVE SCORED A DECISIVE SUCCESS WHICH, IF FOLLOWED UP RESOLUTELY AND HARD, MAY HAVE TREMENDOUS REPERCUSSIONS ON THE MORALE OF THE ITALIANS AND ON THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN ITALY.

From bare details at present available this would seem to be the moment to push ahead with the utmost vigour and determination, says Reuter's military commentator, with a view to pressing the advantage already gained and obtaining far-reaching benefits.

The problem of Libya is not a single problem. It cannot be divorced from the situation in Greece. The two must be considered together. At all points, the Italians must be given no respite and the utmost pressure must be maintained on every front in order to obtain decisive results.

The success of the British around Sidi Barrani was the outcome of well-planned strategy.

British armoured forces first attacked the enemy's right flank and then forced their way to the rear while a fierce British frontal attack was launched against enemy positions at Maktila, 15 miles east of Sidi Barrani. This frontal attack was completely successful.

On finding themselves cut off from the rear the Italians became disorganised when attacked from all sides.

ENGLAND CHEERED

The capture of Sidi Barrani was announced at public places of entertainment throughout Cairo and was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm, the Egyptians raising cheers for England.

The press features the news on their front pages. The newspaper El Ahram uses for a headline a verse from the Koran: "Our possession is returned to us."

"Truly magnificent" was how a high Egyptian Government official described the recapture of Sidi Barrani to Reuter.

He said that the news would cause a sensation throughout

Egypt. "This smashing Italian defeat removes any possible doubt concerning the safety of Egypt."

LESSON FOR FASCISTS

News of the British success in the Western Desert operations has been received with great enthusiasm in the Middle East and particularly in Egypt and Greece.

The Athens newspaper Hestia yesterday commented that from the bottom of their hearts the Greek people desire that the valiant soldiers of the British Empire should give a lesson to the Fascist troops.

The Greeks are sure of a British victory, the paper says.

FORESIGHT OF ARMY

The British bound across the roadless track of the scrub-covered desert has already justified the foresight of British army authorities who for nearly a decade worked on the adaptation of motor transport for desert warfare.

The story starts in 1931, when a medley of different types of vehicles were tried out for over 5,000 miles over all kinds of terrain in North Africa. The experience gained then and since has proved of immense value to the Army in Egypt.

Compared with the campaign in Albania, distances in Egypt are enormous. Taking into account both Libya and Italian East Africa, the front extends 3,500 miles, or longer than the Canadian-American frontier. Present operations from the viewpoint of the mechanised army are most timely as the sand is much harder now than of any other time of the year.

Continued Pressure

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play its part. Both heavy and light naval units are continually harassing the Italian communications by sea.

A tribute to Gen. Wavell has come from an unexpected source, says the London message. A day or two ago, a German paper stated that no surprise attacks were possible in this area by either side owing to territorial difficulties.

The fact the British forces have achieved the impossible is a tribute to the speed of the attack and the brilliance of the Staff work.

PRESS WARNING

The Press at home however, warning against jumping to conclusions about the extent of the British offensives. The view of the EXPRESS is that Signor Mussolini's complex structure of propaganda and lies has failed at the first test.

Italy has now become a problem to Hitler, and has considerably weakened the military prestige of the Axis.

In the meantime, the Italians are continuing their retreat in Albania and the Greeks are still pushing into the interior in the face of fierce Italian resistance.

The Italians launched a violent counter-attack yesterday but were repulsed with heavy losses.

A Greek communique says that nowhere are the Italians given any chance to organise lines of resistance.

HELLENIC TRADER RELEASED

The s.s. Hellenic Trader was released by the Japanese Navy on Wednesday evening after having been detained at Hallow to "verify its nationality" for five days, according to the local agents.

The ship was scheduled to leave for Hongkong yesterday morning. Owing to her damaged condition she will not arrive in the Colony until tomorrow morning.

GEN. SMUTS ON VICTORY

General Smuts, Premier of South Africa has also been speaking on the coming British victory, states a London message.

He told an audience that he is much more hopeful than a year ago—that Britain was immeasurably stronger and no longer on the defensive.

Lord applause greeted his remark. "I serve the country under which I suffered 40 years ago, but which has treated us as Christian people."

Gen. Smuts' chief opponent General Hertzog has now advised his followers to vote for the Smuts' Government candidate in the coming by-election.

SYRIA RESTIVE UNDER VICHY GOVT.

Many Gen. De Gaulle Supporters Arrested

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).

While Italian Bersaglieri troops are policing the Palestine-Syrian frontier, the steady extension of the Free French Movement and the increased feeling against the Vichy Government are evident throughout Syria.

General de Gaulle's appeal for co-operation is reported to be finding widespread sympathy despite severe censorship, but it is understood that lack of strong leadership within Syria to marshal this anti-Vichy feeling is seriously felt.

The arrest of Free French sympathisers continues and supporters of the movement are being replaced by Vichy supporters.

SPORE REPRESENTATIVE

SINGAPORE, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Evidence of the growing strength of the Free French Movement in the Far East is furnished by the appointment by General De Gaulle of a representative here.

He is M. Guy de Schompre, former consular official in Tientsin.

SHANGHAI RICE PRICES FALLING

The rice price is still falling in Shanghai although some dealers are stating they have no stock for the purpose of extracting a snaw and illegally increasing the price, says Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS DEPEND ON PACIFIC

Latham Interviewed In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—SIR JOHN LATHAM, the first Australian Minister to Japan, held a Press conference here on his way to take up his post, and emphasised that Australia is purely European but her interests depend on the Pacific and cannot be indifferent to the changes there.

He considered that the interchange of Ministers with Japan is calculated to improve relations between the two countries. He understood that Japan is to make a reciprocal appointment in the near future.

Questioned whether an Australian Minister would also be appointed to China, he said that the matter has received consideration, but the outcome is not known.

In answering the questions he stated that he could see no legitimate reason for the non-maintenance of peace in the Pacific and added that a possibility existed of divergence of views with Great Britain on Pacific questions, but it was only a contingency as yet. He stated that Australia, in common with all other countries, except Japan only, received Consuls from the Chungking Government.

Although Australia was exporting much munitions, it was not likely that any was available for Chungking over the Burma Road, under the new British credit.

He emphasised that he will work in close co-operation with the British Ambassador in Tokyo.

Must Abolish Snobbery

Eton—on whose playing fields the Duke of Wellington said the Battle of Waterloo was won—has observed its 500th anniversary, and the editor of The Eton Chronicle saw fit to read to the pupils of that accepted symbol of British snobbery a lecture on its future.

"We are considered exclusive, self-satisfied and snobbish, and we do little by our actions to refute these charges," The Chronicle said. "Eton is forgetful that we are fighting for democracy and what democracy must imply. When this war is won we must not relax into our old isolationist prejudice, for prejudice is not the same thing as tradition. Tradition confirms prejudice and cramps opportunity. Eton must not be confined to Etonians alone."

CLASS SYSTEM

The youth who wrote the editorial may, of course, be ostracized by his schoolmates tomorrow. But the fact the newspaper of the school, which is the peak and symbol of the British class system, would so write is perhaps one indication of what is happening in Britain today.



Dr. F. L. Fung and his bride, formerly Miss Tse Sang-woo, photographed after their marriage at the Registry yesterday.—(King's Studio).

WESTERN DESERT OPERATIONS CAREFULLY PLANNED AND SKILFULLY CARRIED OUT: R.A.F. & NAVAL SUPPORT

"The impartial critic must agree that the results so far obtained justify the opinion that the operations in the Western Desert must have been very carefully planned in detail by the G.O.C. and his staff and carried out with skill and daring by the troops concerned," said COL. HAROLD STEVENS, D.S.O., former Military Attache in Rome, when he spoke in London yesterday on the background to the success which the British forces have scored in North Africa.

Col. Stevens said that, knowing the staff their troops were made of, they could well realise that their spirit must have been excellent, notwithstanding the ups and downs of a soldier's life. These troops had been waiting and working for months and must have been only too eager to show their mettle in action. The reputation of their Commander-in-Chief in Egypt was a guarantee of their spirit.

ITALIANS' OVER CONFIDENCE

"It may be," went on Col. Stevens, "that the Italian Commander-in-Chief and his staff have been over confident about their strength. It may also be that the long period of idle waiting had made some of the enemy troops slack and generally fed-up, while the offensive spirit of our own troops had been steadily increasing."

"This gave our soldiers confidence in themselves and in their leaders. It must be remembered that operations over 70 or 80 miles of desert has many difficulties, chief of which are that any movements would give the show away to the enemy and, in such circumstances, the advance of our troops could not take the enemy by surprise."

"Secrecy was essential to these operations and it shows that the Italian air force was unable to put a stop to the work done by the R.A.F. in the primary air operations which have proved so invaluable to our troops. The early attacks of the R.A.F. were directed against aerodromes on the frontier between Libya and Egypt and havoc was caused to the Italians' main air force centre which lies to the west of Sidi Barrani which have all had on the present operations an influence, the value of which can hardly be exaggerated."

Col. Stevens paid a tribute to the brilliant tactical co-operation which the R.A.F. had given in the operations now in progress, which, he said, went to show that they had benefited from the lessons learned from the Germans in France.

The speaker next turned to the Italian position. He said that when Marshal Graziani moved his forces to Sidi Barrani he must have felt that it was an objective of some value to justify such

BRITAIN ACCUMULATING PLANES FOR A RETURN "BLITZ" IN SPRING

LONDON, Nov. 29.—American-built fighters and bombers already in restricted use by the Royal Air Force will be relied upon for an important role in Great Britain's own aerial blitzkrieg which is promised to break over Germany some day several months hence, it was reliably stated today.

The present RAF raids, although increasing in scope each week, are said to be only a curtain-raiser to the real offensive which new heavy bombers and long-range fighters will bring into the realm of possibility.

The weather and the demands of production and training schemes will probably delay the offensive throughout winter, and the best bet hereabouts is that some balmy spring night will see it start.

BUILDING RESERVES

In the meantime, the RAF will be building up reserves from its own new models and adding to the formidable "park" of American planes already on hand. American planes continue in service in ghostly warfare over the North Sea and in a campaign against night bombers.

Several American types of aircraft, including some of the fastest and highest-performance machines ever developed, are at present based in British air fields, some of them in considerable numbers. Easily the best known is the Lockheed all-purpose reconnaissance bomber which the British call "Hudson," but whose elder brothers are in service in dozens of airlines as Lockheed 14's.

FAST & EFFICIENT

Fitted with a power-operated turret, which has been the secret of hundreds of British air victories, the Hudson is a fast and efficient machine, well able to take care of itself and above all amazingly capable of absorbing punishment.

Another United States machine, the Douglas DB-7, imported more recently may, if present developments continue, step from its normal dive-bombing role into that of a fighter. In addition to other good flying characteristics, it has a tricycle landing gear ideal for night landings.

British experience against the Luftwaffe seemed to indicate that quality to a large extent should be preferable to quantity. British experience has also shown that the three most important qualities of a military plane are armament, manoeuvrability, and speed, in that order.

GERMAN MISTAKE

The Germans were believed to have made a mistake when they standardized their machines "two years too early" with the result that both their fighters and bombers were under-gunned.

RECENT ARRIVALS IN COLONY

Arrivals from Manila by a Dutch vessel yesterday were Mrs. H. G. de Chair and daughter, Mr. J. Hoker, Miss B. M. de Sousa, Miss T. E. Oxford, Mr. A. Feres, Mr. H. Halvorsen, Mrs. T. Duley and infant, Mr. R. E. Baskerville, Mr. W. A. O'Neill, Mr. S. S. Lovett, Mr. S. Howard, Mr. Chester Fritz, Mr. G. Monzen, Mr. A. I. Ybache, Mr. B. de Guzman, Mr. J. Purisima, Mr. A. Tubine, Mr. M. Reyes, Mr. J. Lazarus, Mr. A. Monsalud, and Mr. N. Li-havne.

Arrivals from Batavia by the same vessel were Lt. Col. H. de L. Panet, Mr. and Mrs. Hoo Ngan-yong, and Mstr. Hoo. Through passengers for Shanghai were Mrs. K. K. Riko, Miss I. Ankudinoff, Mrs. W. Lutowicz, Mrs. A. A. Keyser, and Mrs. C. J. W. Brunner, A. through passenger for Amoy—Miss H. T. Aycock.

TANGIER ISSUE DISCUSSED IN COMMONS

GOVT. WATCHING SITUATION

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The British Government's watchfulness on the situation at Tangier where the Spanish authorities have taken over the administration, was again made apparent in answers to questions in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, stated that the two Italian submarines which arrived in Tangier some weeks ago are not yet in a sea-

SOVIET UNION AND BULGARIA

Passage Of German Troops To Greece

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—If Bulgaria grants free passage to German troops going to Greece, the Soviet Union would occupy the Bulgarian seaports of Varna and Varna, the Secretary-General of the Soviet Commissariat of Foreign Affairs, M. Sobolev, told King Boris during a recent visit to Sofia, writes the Istanbul Correspondent of the Free French agency.

King Boris confirmed to M. Sobolev that Hitler had asked Bulgaria to adhere to the Tripartite pact, but the King had avoided a direct reply, asking Bulgarian adhesion dependent on the adhesion of the Soviet Union.

German propaganda, says the correspondent, was immediately distributed in numerous pamphlets, the aim of which was to compromise the Soviet Union. The Bulgarian Police established that the pamphlets originated from the propaganda section of the German Legation.

LORD LOTHIAN DEAD

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Franchise Committee which went to India to advise on the nature of electoral constituencies under the federation scheme.

On a visit to India in 1938 he had talks with Gandhi in which he expressed the view that federation was the greatest boon lying within the Indians' grasp.

Lord Lothian was a frequent contributor to the press, notably the Round Table, the London Observer, and the Christian Science Monitor.

Lord Lothian's heir presumptive is his cousin, Peter Francis Walter Kerr, who is 18 years of age.

The late Lord Lothian, who was the 11th Marquess and succeeded his cousin in 1930, was Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in 1931 and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of the India Office 1931-32.

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LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

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On View from Thursday, the 12th December, 1940.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Saturday, the 14th December, 1940
commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Han-kow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSE FURNITURE AND SUNDRIES

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Monday, the 16th December, 1940
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Han-kow Road, Kowloon.

A Fine Assortment of Dressed Dolls, Wooden and Mechanical Toys, Furniture, Tea Sets, Balloons and Sundries.

also

Electrical Toys

On View on Day of Sale.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Friday, the 13th December, 1940
commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at their Godown No. 2, Wood Road, Basement.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND SUNDRIES

also

1 Bundle Old Tyres
1 Bale Old Newspapers
2 Cases Goument Powder
1 Drum Powder
1 Mat Bag Bamboo Leaf
2 Bales Chinese Medicine
1 Tub Chinese Medicine
121 Pieces Old Rubber Tyres
1 Box Tinplate
1 Bale Straw Board Paper

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Tuesday, the 17th December, 1940
commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Corn-naught Road, Central, Second Floor.

A FINE COLLECTION OF POSTAGE STAMPS

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN JAPANESE, S.M.C.

The death of a puppet Chinese policeman last Sunday night was the cause of another Japanese-S.M.C. incident, according to a Shanghai dispatch. The policeman was killed while attempting to board a running car on Edinburgh Road, but the Japanese charged that his death was caused by the shooting of S.M.P. constables.

Shortly after the incident occurred, a squad of Chinese constables headed by a foreign detective arrived on the scene to make an investigation. They were immediately surrounded by a large party of Japanese gendarmes and, after being disarmed, taken to the Japanese Gendarmes Headquarters on Jessfield Road. The foreign detective was slapped, while the Chinese constables were detained for several hours. They were subsequently released through the intervention of the S.M.P. Police Headquarters.

Major K.M. Bourne, Commissioner of Police, has reported the case to the Shanghai Municipal Council. It is understood that a strong protest will be lodged by the Council with the Japanese authorities. (Central News).

SIR JOHN LATHAM IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Sir John Latham, Australian Minister to Japan, and his party, including Mr. S.P.C. Turnbull, Associated Press representative, who is opening a bureau in Tokyo, arrived here today. They are leaving for Tokyo on Saturday.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

AMERICAN JUMPS BALL.
Paul Malone, 42, merchant, of Boston, U.S.A., and residing at the Hongkong Hotel, was charged before Mr. T. J. Gould yesterday with being an alien, an American subject, and failing to report his arrival in the Colony within 48 hours.

Defendant did not appear in court and his bail of \$50 was estreated by the Magistrate.

Sgt. J. Headridge, of the Special Branch, said that defendant arrived from Manila on holiday.

POSSESSION OF WEAPON

Charged before Mr. Gould yesterday with bringing into the Colony Ho So-mul, alias Lai Ping, 18 years, a ward of the S.C.A., on or about Oct. 1 and failing to give notice within one week, Ho Kan, 58, son-in-law of No. 82, Staunton Street, second floor, was fined \$20.

Insp. W. A. Fraser, of the S.C.A., said that on Nov. 10 the girl went to the Central Police Station and made a complaint that she was being ill-treated by the defendant.

The girl had told the Police that she was presented to defendant when eight years old for the sum of \$80. She was brought to Hong-kong during 1939 and since then had various jobs as a domestic servant.

The defendant had demanded from the girl \$80 before she would allow the girl to leave her.

Defendant, said Insp. Fraser, had denied that she ill-treated the girl and no marks had been found on the girl.

PAWNEE FUR COATS

"I went to complainant to ask for my wages but I was delayed and as I was hard pressed for money to maintain my shop I pawned the fur coats," stated Pun Kan-fook, 39, fur coat maker, who was charged before Mr. Gould yesterday on two counts of illegal pawning.

Pun was charged with illegally pawning a fox fur coat and another fur coat on Dec. 8 and 10, respectively, the properties of Mr. C. E. Dalmida, of the Stock Exchange Building.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers said that the defendant was given eight fur coats altogether by the complainant to be made. The total charge for workmanship was \$88 and defendant was given \$40 in advance, the balance to be paid on completion of the work.

The coats which pawned by defendant for \$11 were valued at \$150.

Fine of \$20 or, in default, 21 days' imprisonment was imposed.

PHOTOGRAPHERS IN TROUBLE

Pleading guilty to breaches of the Defence Regulations, namely, possession of cameras without a permit at Blake Pier on Dec. 12, two photographers, Cheng Ngok-shing, 22, of No. 38 Queen's Road Central, first floor, and Tang Shum, 27, of No. 68 Wellington Street, ground floor, were each fined \$15 by Mr. Gould yesterday.

Sub-Insp. Whelan said that the defendants were found at 7.45 a.m. yesterday morning, each in possession of a camera. When questioned the defendants stated that they were waiting for the committee of the South China College who were due to arrive from the Straits Settlements.

Insp. Whelan added that both defendants being employed in well-known photographer's shops should be aware of the regulations.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Found loitering in the second floor of Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, on Wednesday an unemployed Chinese, Shek Wah, 29, was charged before Mr. Gould yesterday with being found in the premises for an unlawful purpose.

Det.-Sgt. J. E. Sykes said that the office in question was occupied by the Secretary of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels. At about 12.40 p.m. the Secretary went out for about five minutes and when she came back she found defendant, who had his hand in a drawer in the office. She raised the alarm and defendant was arrested.

Defendant, who had three previous convictions, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Sgt. Sykes said that defendant was under Police supervision which was due to expire, in Jan. next year. Defendant was ordered to be placed under Police supervision for another year.

AT KOWLOON

CONSPIRACY CASE

Hearing of the case in which Kwok Yuk-ping, married woman, and Yuen Yu-cheung were charged with conspiracy to defraud an actress, Chan Sin-yu, of \$1,000, was continued yesterday before Mr. Macfadyen.

Giving evidence, the actress alleged that after realising that she had been victimised, she called up the first defendant and went with her to the Eastern Cafe and asked her to give the money back. The defendant replied that the second accused was the "head man" of the scheme and that witness could get the money from him.

Witness also alleged that in the tenth game of gambling with the wealthy man two friends of the first defendant helped to take out a bean under the cover so that they lost the money to the rich individual.

After further evidence, the second defendant was discharged there being no evidence against him. First defendant was remanded until tomorrow morning and was granted \$100 bail.

EMBEZZLED \$826

Charged with embezzlement of \$826.21 Hongkong currency from the Tai Cheung shop, between July 19 and Dec. 4, a salesman, Cheng Hok-sing, 33, was sentenced by Mr. Macfadyen yesterday to a month in prison and ordered to pay \$100 compensation to the complainant or to serve another month's gaol.

Det.-Sgt. C. Pope prosecuted.

UNEMPLOYED REMANDED

Tam Pui, 22, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with breaking into No. 64, Fa Yuen Street and stealing \$100.75, \$179 Chinese currency, a wrist watch and a quantity of clothing.

Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin asked for a remand of 48 hours which was granted.

THREATS ALLEGED

Alleged to have threatened three men with intent to force them to join the Cheung Lok and Fui Fu societies, Wong Lung, 25, Wan Wan-sai, 31, and Hui Cheung, 31, were charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday and were remanded for 24 hours.

TRAFFIC CASES

Capt. H. L. Reeves, R. E., Whitefield Barracks, was summoned before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday for failing to drive on the left side of Salisbury Road and was cautioned.

S. Mullins, residing at Chard-haven Hotel, was summoned, following an accident, for driving without a valid licence at Castle Peak Road on Nov. 18. The defendant was fined \$10.

D. O. SOUTH

POSSESSION OF OPIUM

A fine of \$500, or f. v. months' hard labour in lieu thereof, was imposed on Cheng Ching Sau when he pleaded guilty, before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday, to the charge of possession of six tins of prepared non-Government opium at Fan Kwai Tong village, Tai O, on Dec. 11.

The opium was ordered to be confiscated.

BOAT FOKI FINED

For possessing six and one-half pounds of dutiable Chinese tobacco on Dec. 11, Ng Fook, a boat foki of Cheung Chau, was fined \$120, or two months' hard labour in default, by Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday.

His Worship also ordered the confiscation of the tobacco.

WILD TREE WOOD

Wong Ting and Mak Hing, unemployed, were cautioned by Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday when they pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of 70 catties and 97 catties of wild tree wood, respectively, at Castle Peak Road, near Chai Wan Kok village, Tsau Wan, on Dec. 10.

GAMBLERS IN COURTS

Leung Hung, and five other unemployed Chinese males were charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday with gambling at Chung On Street, Tsau Wan, on Dec. 10.

Four of the defendants, including Leung, failed to appear and had their bail of \$3 each, estreated, while the other two were fined \$8 each.

The sum of \$147 table money was ordered to be placed into the Poor Box.

A.R.P. ORDERS

(Continued from Yesterday)

STRENGTH-INCREASE

The following have qualified as Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—

Central—137 Chan Kwong-cheung, 232 Miss Chu Kit-ching, 234 Miss Chiu May-yuk, 234 Ho Hui-ching, 234 Kwong Tse-sang, 234 Lam Ying-kit, 234 Miss Law Sui-ying, 234 Lee Sit-wah, 234 Ling Ping-wun, 234 Lui Sin-yue, 234 Mak Ping-wai, 234 Tang Ming-tai, 234 To Ka-chee, 234 To Sul-bun, 234 Wan Fook-hing, 234 Wong Nung-tai, 234 Yeung King-ming, 234 Miss Chey Lan-fong, 234 Mok Hon-kwong, 234 So Hing-kit, 234 To Ho-kui, 411 Wong Man-kai, 234 Yeung Cheong-hon, 234 Lam Che-ming, 136 Miss Chan Chee-ying, Western—234 Chew Tsai-cheung, 234 Chung Chan, 234 Fong Chun-wing, 234 Lam Chong-to, 234 Lam Yee-kong, 234 Lee Shing-po, 234 Miss Leung Yun-shung, 234 Li Chiu-ching, 234 Li Kwong-hung, 234 Li Yeh-chiu, 234 Lui Sai-ngon, 234 Ma Ser-tai, 234 Miss Tam Lai-lan, 234 Tam Tak-cheung, 234 Tse Kail-kwong, 234 Ho Sung-het, 234 Tsui Hing-wah, 234 Wong Por, 234 Fung Hon-wah, Upper Levels—515 Chan Wing-kit, 234 Miss Cheung Ping-ping, 234 Miss Q. Cheung, 234 Miss Ma Siu-wan, 234 Wong Chi-ching, 234 Wong Kwok-wing, 234 Wong Yum-lam, 1738 Ho Ming-tong, Bay View—234 Miss Lai Yuet-tong, Quarry Bay—3043 Miss Yu King-wa, 234 Miss Ng So-so, Eastern—840 Miss Chan Chang-yat, 913 Chan Wah-lam, 234 Chiu Chi-chiu, 234 Chu Sik-lun, 234 Chun Sai-tai, 234 Ho To-cheung, 234 Ip King-chung, 234 Kwan Wan-ah, 234 Kwan Kit-chor, 234 Miss Lam King-hung, 234 Lau Man-ho, 234 Miss Law Kit-lan, 234 Lo Kwok-chung, 234 Ling King-hung, 234 To Yuk-king, 234 To Yuk-shing, 234 Wong Chun-mook, 234 Yeung Po-foon, 234 Miss Yu Mui-lin, 234 Lai Tse-leung, 234 Mak Pong-chow, 3041 Yau Yiu-fong, 3042 Miss Lei Kam-luen, Shamshuipo—234 Chow Chun-wai, 1734 Lau Siu-ye, 234 Leung Lai-sang, 234 Wong King-kwong, 234 Wong Kwan-mow, 234 Miss Yau Shui-ying, 234 Lee Shu-tung, Mongkok—234 Chow Ching-lung, 234 Ho Ping-ki, 234 Lo Yim, Yau-mat—234 E. L. Coats, 234 M. S. Xavier, Kowloon City—234 A. J. Kew, Tsimshatsui—234 C. D. Asado, 234 R. J. Barnes, 234 J. C. Barrett, 234 A. W. Ingram, 234 M. E. Lee, 234 Mrs. Y. Milner, 234 Miss B. Remedios.

The following have qualified as A.R.P. Telephonists and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—

Central—(T) 604 Cheuk Bing-lum, (T) 2360 A. Yung, Western—(T) 2378 Kam Muk-lam, (T) 2379 Kwok Ying-tun, (T) 2380 Miss N. Kwok, Upper Levels—(T) 2384 Miss S. Hyndman, (T) 2370 Miss F. Tong, Gough Hill Division—(T) 1519 Mrs. A. Sharp, Quarry Bay—(T) 2372 Miss E. Lee, (T) 2386 Miss J. Taylor, Headquarters—(T) 2397 Miss E. R. Cockburn, (T) 2398 Miss D. H. Eardley, Eastern—(T) 878 Chan Kam-wag, (T) 2325 Cheung Yau-tong, (T) 2329 Leong Hew-wan, (T) 2331 Lui Yip-shun, (T) 2333 Miss S. Salleh, (T) 2336 Miss J. Tong, Yau-mat—(T) 2398 Mak Chak-lam.

SECTOR EXERCISES

Upper Levels—Sector Exercises will be held in Sectors Nos. 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 and 28 District "B" on Dec. 15, at 10.30 hrs.

NOTICE

Attention is drawn to the fact that some Officers have not yet complied with the request in Order No. 48 to supply information regarding their private cars.

AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE

The Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service, publishes the following for the information of all concerned:—

Appointment.—Station Officer J. W. Woollard, Hongkong Fire Brigade, is appointed Supervisor and Training Officer of the A.F.S. with effect from Dec. 9.

Notice.—Twenty-four volunteer telephonists are required for the A.F.S. Applications should be sent to the Superintendent, A.F.S., Central Fire Station, Hongkong.

(Sgd.) B. H. FUCKLE, Deputy Director of A.R.P.

BLOCKADE RUNNER INTERCEPTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The German steamer Rhein which left Tampico, Mexico, 12 days ago to run the British blockade has been intercepted by a Dutch warship somewhere in the western Atlantic, according to an informed source here.

It is added that the ship was seen about the 10th as the warship closed in but it is not known whether she was subsequently sunk or captured.

CANADIAN AIR ACE IN LIBYA

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A Canadian air ace is leading the R.A.F. squadrons which have completely dominated the air over the operations in the Western Desert. He is Air Commodore Bay-lynd, Colliishaw who shot down 60 enemy planes in the last war.

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Story Of Man's Secret Love For Landlady

An extraordinary story of a young man's love for his landlady, who treated him like a son, lay behind an apparently motiveless case of wounding. It was revealed at the Old Bailey.

The man in the dock, James Forsyth, 27, of Bond-street, Ealing, W., whose home address was given as Trinity-street, Barry, South Wales, was found guilty of maliciously wounding Miss Mary Foley, a young nurse.

Sentence was postponed, Judge Beazley telling him:—

"You might have killed this girl. Do not think I am going to bind you over next sessions. I certainly am not, but I am trying to find out what is the best thing to do with you."

A War Reserve policeman told the Court that he heard shouts at 7.30 a.m. on Aug. 21, and saw the terrified face of a girl at a window in Bond-street, Ealing.

Blood was streaming over her face. She was screaming for help.

Unable to enter the house by the front door he went to the next house, and climbing to the roof, made his way over it to a room, where he found Nurse Foley, who had been seriously wounded on the head. A heavy spanner lay on her bed.

Nurse Foley, a pretty brunette described how Forsyth, who was practically unknown to her, although a fellow-lodger, entered her bedroom and repeatedly struck her on the head with a spanner.

"I have no idea why Forsyth attacked me," she said.

It was at this point that the prosecution made the extraordinary allegation that Forsyth had fallen in love with his landlady, Mrs. Stinton, and had conceived the plan of first stunning Nurse Foley, whom he knew as "Christie," then murdering Mrs. Stinton, and afterwards committing suicide.

Det.-Insp. Percy Norman alleged that Forsyth, after his arrest, made the following statement:—

"I have lived with Mrs. Stinton as a lodger since two years last February."

Since Mr. Stinton died about a year ago I have fallen in love with Mrs. Stinton. She has never been in any way intimate with me, and is a good woman. She used to torment me about marrying her and I took it seriously.

"BRAINSTORM"

I left just before 7 o'clock to go to work, and I must have had a brainstorm, for I decided to do Mrs. Stinton and myself in.

I went back to the house from Gilling Station and went to my bedroom, and got the spanner. I knew that "Christie" was staying in the house and got up late, as she had been ill, so I decided to stun her while I killed Mrs. Stinton with the spanner and then gassed myself.

I was so much in love with her that I felt I could not live without her.

I went into the girl's bedroom and hit her several times with the spanner. She screamed, and I got

panicky and bolted. I knew Mrs. Stinton would come in about eight in the morning, but as I had done this to "Christie" and had the wind up, I just ran away.

"I would like to add," said Insp. Norman, "that there was no premeditation on the part of Mrs. Stinton."

"She has a son of her own, with whom Forsyth shared a room. She treated him as she would a son, and indeed, Forsyth called her 'Mother'."

"In letters I have seen written by him since he was arrested he still addresses her as 'Mother'."

"Forsyth is a man of good character, and later has been earning up to £8 a week as a fitter."

"He has been moody and depressed lately."

When asked what he had to say in his defence, Forsyth replied: "I was in a state of mental depression. I hardly knew what I was doing. Now it is too late, I am sorry for what has happened."

ACCUSED JUDGE DROWNED

Two duck hunters found the body of Common Pleas Judge Robert E. Sage on an island in the Detroit River. Judge Sage had drowned and the body had been washed ashore.

He had been sought for murder in connection with the fatal shooting of two business associates in his chambers on Oct. 1st.

Identification was made through a key found in Judge Sage's pocket and through a tailor's label in his suit. The key was to the hotel room of a friend of the judge from which the gun used in the double killing was taken. The tailoring company said Judge Sage had been a customer for six years.

Finance and Commerce

WAR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

NEW SCHEME FOR COMPENSATION

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — Under the new scheme for compensation for war damage to property, announced in London yesterday, the rate of contribution on buildings and immovable property will be 2/- per pound sterling of rateable value or value at which property is assessed for income tax purposes for five years.

The difference between these two is slight.

According to a calculation made by one of London's leading insurance experts for Reuters, the contribution represents the payment of 2½ per cent. of the net capital value of property.

Thus, on property with a net capital value of £1,000, the rateable value would be about £30.

Two shillings in the pound on the latter sum gives a total small payment of £5 and of £25 during five years.

This represents 2½ per cent. of the net capital value but it is emphasised that this contribution entitles the property owner to compensation for any damage suffered from the beginning of the war until the end of August, 1941 — a period of two years.

BRITISH EXCHEQUER PARADOX

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — British Exchequer returns for the last week, up to Dec. 7, reveal an apparent paradox.

The whole total ordinary expenditure rose to the record high level of £110 millions but the expenditure of supply services (largely for war necessities) was nearly £10 millions below the previous week at £80.5 millions.

The high record reached by total expenditure was, therefore, due to the fact that at the beginning of December the usual disbursements of interest on stocks amounting to a large sum were made.

The total ordinary revenue of Britain improved by over £10 millions last week to nearly £24 millions, but the deficit for the week increased to £86 millions.

BIG U.S. LOAN TO ARGENTINA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — The United States is lending \$80,000,000 to Argentina and \$7,500,000 to Uruguay, announced Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, in Washington yesterday.

CHINESE ENGINEERS MEETING

A galaxy of the nation's leading engineers gathered in Chengtu yesterday when the ninth annual meeting of the Chinese Engineers' Society was held.

Mr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education and chairman of the Society, Mr. Ku Yu-chuan, chief executive, and Mr. Hsu Ying-tseng, chairman of the Chungking branch of the Society, attended.

Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs, and Mr. Ku Yu-shu, Vice-Minister of Education, were expected to be present also.

Discussions during the meeting, it is understood, centred on the industrial plans laid down by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and the decisions will be forwarded to the Central authorities for reference. More than 50 theses were read. (Central News).

BURMA ROAD LINK WITH INNER TIBET

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — A new highway directly linking the Burma Road with Sikong (Inner Tibet) is now under construction.

Meanwhile construction is also under way on a road near the Yunnan-Burma Railway as well as on the Yunnan-Szechuen Railway which were both started last year.

The Yunnan-Burma Railway engineering office in Kunming is entrusted with the surveying and building of the new highway.

The preliminary road bed is expected to be completed before April 30, 1941.

STRONGER BRIDGES

SHANGHAI, Dec. 11 (Reuters) — Plans for widening the road and strengthening the bridges of the Burma highway have been mapped out by the Ministry of Communications, to facilitate the shipment of war supplies to China, states the Chinese Press.

Plans are based so that a minimum of 600 tons of goods can be transported and all bridges can permit a minimum of ten tons of goods in one transit by trucks. The plans will be immediately put into effect.

Meanwhile the Yunnan Provincial Government has ordered a general improvement of the road between the Kunming and Dapingling sectors and the completion of this work is scheduled for April, 1941.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The market was less active today, trading being on a smaller scale.

BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$74.
Wharves, \$92.
Providents, \$5.50.
Hotels, \$3.45.
Lands, \$33.50.
Humphreys, \$7.75.
Trams, \$17.50.
Star Ferries, \$59.50.
Lights (N), C.D. \$7.10.
Electricity (O), \$40.
Cements, \$18.10.
Watsons, \$10.25.
Entertainments, \$7.
Constructions, \$1.60.

SELLERS
Cements, \$18.50.
Vibro Piling, \$7.70.

SALES
H.K. Banks, \$1365.
Docks (O), \$18.
Providents, \$5.50.
Watsons, \$10.50.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Thursday, Dec. 12, 1940.

SALES
H.K. Banks, 10 \$1,365.00
Cements, 200 18.10
China Providents, 1,500 5.50
Dairy Farms, 50 19.25
H.K. Docks (O), 100 18.00
H.K. Docks (O), 200 17.90
H.K. Hotels, 600 3.60
A.E. Watsons, 1,600 10.50
Union Ins., 5 392.50

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Cements, 200 18.10
China Providents, 1,500 5.50
Dairy Farms, 50 19.25
H.K. Docks (O), 100 18.00
H.K. Docks (O), 200 17.90
H.K. Hotels, 600 3.60
A.E. Watsons, 1,600 10.50
Union Ins., 5 392.50

The total value is \$43,488.00.

BIG PROGRAMME URGED ON PHILIPPINES BY AIR BUREAU

Establishment of an aircraft factory and a central national airport in Manila and setting up of a civilian pilot training programme are some of the recommendations made by Captain R. Fernando, Director of the Bureau of Aeronautics, in his annual report submitted to the Secretary of National Defense, writes Alfonso Denoga in the Manila Bulletin.

Stressing the importance of a training programme in connection with the aerial defense of the Philippines, Captain Fernando said the main drawback in the civilian flying activities in the Philippines is the high cost of flying instruction offered by local private aviation schools. If private individuals are left financially unaided in the pursuit of their interest in aviation, even in the distant future only few Filipinos would become air-minded, according to his report.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

He said all countries of the world have adopted a civilian pilot training programme whereby physically able young men and women inclined to flying are given chances to fly at government expense. He said the vast supply of pilots and skilled ground force of the German war machine is due to such a scheme started long before the present war, and the United States is spending an enormous amount in its five-year civilian pilot training programme solely for the purpose of training civilian pilots who may be called at a moment's notice for military purposes. Citing other advantages of such a programme, he said:

"The programme has further made light plane manufacturing as one of the leading industries today in the United States. It has created employment for pilots and mechanics both in private flying and in the airlines.

"A similar programme for the Philippines would develop the capabilities of Filipinos in

interested in aviation and create a reservoir of civilian Filipino pilots for military purposes as well as for the use of the airline companies, all of whose pilots are American."

NATIONAL AIRPORT NEEDED

He said the dire need of a central national airport has long been felt. Several sites have been surveyed and found adequate if developed by the bureau but sufficient funds have not been set aside.

"It is believed," he said, "that Manila with its cosmopolitan population and its strategic position in the cross-roads of Far Eastern air commerce, would be greatly benefited by the construction of such an airport. The local airline companies and private operators would thus eliminate from their cost of operation excessive hangar rentals and airport administration by availing themselves of the use of the central national airport."

A DRAWBACK

Another drawback in the progress of civilian aviation in the Philippines is the cost of physical examination required of applicants for airplane pilots' licenses. He recommended that the privilege of free physical instruction given by the Philippine Army to applicants for flying training also be extended to civilian pilots. If PA flight surgeons are not available, he urged that the bureau be provided with its own flight surgeon who will give free physical examinations.

Still another drawback is the difficulty that most Filipino airplane pilots holding private and commercial licenses find in renewing their licenses due to the high cost of the minimum flying time they are required to make before their licenses can be renewed. A private pilot is required to fly not less than 15 hours each year, or P.225 a year, at a minimum cost of P.15 per hour. He recommended that actual expenses incurred by them in making the required flying time for renewal of their licenses be refunded by the government.

LIGHTER WORK IN THE DARK ROOM

A new photographic paper produced by a British firm is likely to revolutionise printing room technique.

All amateur photographers know that when pictures are being printed from a weak negative, a specially vigorous paper is required. If the negative is bold in contrasts of light and shade, then a specially soft paper is necessary.

The matching of paper with negative is so important that some hands of paper are made in as many as seven degrees of contrast. Now, thanks to the discovery all the photographer needs is one grade of paper called multigrade which is capable of yielding prints of any degree of contrast.

This all-purpose print does not depend for its effectiveness on any manipulative skill. All that is required is to place an appropriate colour filter in front of the light used for exposing. Now a photographer, instead of deciding what particular type of paper is best for his negative, will be able to take the one brand and produce the precise effect he is seeking merely by the use of a colour filter.

When a year ago one of the firm's representatives left for South America, he took stocks of this new product with him, actually before the new technique was announced at home.

Detained Chinese Goods In Indo-China

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — The Chungking Foreign Ministry has protested to Vice-Admiral Jean Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China, upon the receipt of reports that he had issued instructions to the French Customs authorities to dispose of detained Chinese goods by public auction, says the Chengyienpao.

America To Control Export Of Iron

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — President Roosevelt yesterday ordered iron ore, pig iron, ferro alloys and "certain iron and steel manufactures and semi-manufactures" to be put under the export licence control owing to the increase of national defence requirements.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HAMPERS

NO. 4 HAMPER

1 quart Lanson Dry Champagne
1 " Black & White Whisky
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin
1 " Courvoisier Three Star Brandy
1 " Hunt's Old Brown Sherry
1 " Hunt's Full Rich Port
1 " Pommard Burgundy
1 " Sauterne White Wine
1 " Gordon's Sloe Gin
1 pint Gordon's Creme de Menthe

—\$55.00

NO. 5 HAMPER

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1 " Black & White Whisky
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin
1 " Courvoisier V. O. Brandy
1 " Sandeman Brown Bang Sherry
1 " Sandeman Partner Port
1 " Sauterne White Wine
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He urged that funds be provided for research and experimentation to determine the feasibility of using local materials in the construction of airplanes and also for the establishment of an aircraft factory which may utilize such materials.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Reuters) — Traffic over the north-western highway between China and Soviet Russia has greatly increased during recent weeks, almost doubling the amount of traffic two months ago, according to the Kuang Pao quoting China communications quarters.

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MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 12, 1940

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/3 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 3/40	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 59 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 101	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 1/2	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 53 3/8	
Credits, 60 days sight 54 1/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 43 3/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 101 1/8	
On Manila:—	
On demand 46 3/4	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 148	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 32 7/8	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Dec. 12.
Silver prices dropped 3/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 22 7/8 for Ready and 22 1/8 for Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being quiet with no business done. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 40 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 40 1/2.

MARKET

Dull.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December-January, buyers at 1/3-1/32 for Cash.

U.S. DOLLARS

No business was reported. There were sellers at 23 5/8 Cash, buyers at 23 1/8 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers at 397, buyers at 397 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 349/64 and closed a shade steeper with sellers at 325/32 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 515/16 and closed with sellers at 531/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was dull in the afternoon. No business was reported.

STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 December/January, buyers at 23 1/8 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 5/8 Cash, buyers at 23 1/8 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

397 1/2 sellers.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 349/64 and U. S. Dollars at 515/16, both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 12 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

Opening

0/3-11/16

New York

5-3/4

Japan

24-3/8

India

20-3/8 N

Hongkong

24-1/2

Sterling

Sellers

Opening

0/3-49/64

Closing

0/3-49/64

Dec.

0/3-49/64

Jan.

0/3-3/4

U.S. Dollars

Spot

\$5-15/16

\$5-15/16

Dec.

5-15/16

Jan.

5-15/16

Market:—Quiet.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 2 1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 11 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Dec. 11 (Reuters).

Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 94-0-0.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 11, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER

S P O T

JAN-MARCH

APRIL-JUNE

The market was dull.

LONDON RUBBER

S P O T

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

APRIL-JUNE

JULY-SEPT.

After improving on trade buying, covering and scarcity of buyers, the market ruled steady.

NEW YORK COTTON

Bombay interests are reported to be selling. The possibility of new farm legislation at the next session of congress is an unsettling factor. Trade buying on the scale down failed to absorb scattered liquidation.

NEW YORK RUBBER

The market is reflecting freer shipment offerings.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Prices were easier on reports of favourable growing conditions in the South-West.

NEW YORK STOCKS

Previous close, 131.37; Today's close, 131.76; Change up 39.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.19	10.14	10.20	10.14	.06 off
New York Rubber, March	20.48	20.44	20.55	20.44	.11 off
Chicago Wheat, May	87	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	60 1/4	60 1/4	60 1/4	60 1/4	1 off
New York Hides, March	12.74	12.41	12.52	12.68	.16 up
NEW YORK COTTON					
Dec. (New contract)	10.12/17	10.12/12	10.10/11	10.12	.06 off
January	10.07/07	10.07/07	10.03 N	10.07	.04 off
March	10.20/20	10.16/17	10.14/15	10.16	.02 off
May	10.11/11	10.08/09	10.06/06	10.08	.02 off
July	9.94 N	9.89/90	9.86/86	9.89	.03 off
October	9.38 N	9.32/32	9.30/30	9.32	.02 off
Spot	10.17 N		10.11 N	10.17	.06 off
Total sales Tuesday:—	38,200	bales.			
NEW YORK RUBBER					
January	20.74b	unquoted	20.65b	20.74	.09 off
March	20.59/55	20.40b/55a	20.44b/46a	20.59	.11 off
May	20.24b	20.15b/30a	20.23b/28a	20.24	.11 off
July (New contract)	20.14b	20.15a	20.05b	20.14	.09 off
Total sales:—	490	tons.			
CHICAGO WHEAT					
May	86 1/8	86 1/8	86 1/8	86 1/8	1 off
July	82 1/8	82 1/8	82 1/8	82 1/8	1 off
Tuesday's sales:—	1,171,000	bushels.			
CHICAGO CORN					
May	60 1/4	60 1/4	60 1/4	60 1/4	1 off
July	60 1/4	60 1/4	60 1/4	60 1/4	1 off
NEW YORK HIDES					
March	12.52b	12.50/41	12.68b/73a	12.52	.16 up
June	12.28/28	12.25b/29a	12.53/53	12.28	.25 up
Total sales for the day:—	108	contracts.			
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4		34-3/4		
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/2		4.03-1/2		

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Dec. 11.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

WAR LOAN

3 1/2 (Red. after 1952)

102 1/2

Defence Loan, 3 1/2

101 1/2

London-K'loon Rly. 5%

13

Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan

42-47

1898 (Brit. Issue)

45

China 4 1/2 Anglo-French

1912

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan

26 1/2

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan

34

1913 (Ldn. Is.)

10

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes

10

1925 (Vickers)

47

China Imperial Rly. 5%

104

Loan

15 1/2

Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911

15

(L.P. N.Y. Issue)

13

German Issue

15

Lung T'ing & U. Hai

14

Rly. 5% 1913

15

S'hai-N'King Rly. 5%

15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5%

15

(Brit. Stpd.)

15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5%

15

(German Stnd.)

15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5%

15

(Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)

15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5%

15

(Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)

15

Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924

30 1/2

Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924

7 1/2

Chartered Bank

7 1/2

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)

77 1/2

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)

80

Chinese Eng. & Mining

16 3/4

(bearer)

4 1/2

Chosen Corporation

4 1/2

Mercantile Bank of India

10 1/2

dia, 25, "G"

10 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 12, 1940

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
	Dec. 11		Dec. 11
Adams Express	8 1/2	Loew's Inc.	30 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	2 1/2	Loft Incorporated	19 1/2
Allis Chalmers	3 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	28 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	7 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	33 1/2
Amer. Can.	8 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, prd.	25 1/2
American Cyanamid E.	35 1/2	Montgomery Ward	37 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	1	Mott City Copper Co.	3 1/2
Amer. & Foreign St. Pl.	1 1/2	National Aviation	10 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	16	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	18 1/2	National Distillers	23 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Lead	17 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	7
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	45	National Supply Corp.	6 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	13 1/2	New York Central	14
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	170 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	3
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69 1/2	N. American Aviation	17
Amer. Waterworks	6 1/2	North American Co.	16 1/2
Anaconda Copper	27 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Atchafon, T. & S. Fe.	17 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	45 1/2
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	27 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	17 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pan-American Airways	15 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	10 1/2	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2
Burnsall Oil	9	Philadelphia E.R.	22 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Cos.	4 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	88	Phillips Petroleum	41
Bliss & Co.	15 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	29 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	18 1/2	Pullman Inc.	26 1/2
Borg-Warner	20 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	25 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	5
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	14
Canadian Pacific R'way	34	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	5 1/2
Casa, J.L.	68 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2
Celanese	44	Republic Steel	22 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	24 1/2	Revere Corp.	11 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	77 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	32 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	4 1/2	Safeway Stores	42 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	30	Schenley Distillers	10 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	2	Sears Roebuck	7 1/2
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2	Shell Union Oil	10 1/2
Continental Can	37 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Continental Oil	20 1/2	Southern Pacific	7 1/2
Copperweld Steel	19	Southern Ry. 5% prd.	21 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	35 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	28 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Deere & Co.	20 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	1
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	79 1/2	Standard Oil of California	17 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	163 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	10 1/2	Stone & Webster	7 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	34 1/2	Studebaker Corp.	8
Easton Mfg. Co.	35 1/2	Swift International	17 1/2
Elec. Artistic	4	Technicolor	9 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	58 1/2	Texas Corp.	39 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 5% pt.	58 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	36 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 5% pt.	58 1/2	Timken-Axle	29 1/2
Elec. Power & Light 7% pt.	31 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Flintkote	18 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	6
Gen. American Trans.	54 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2
Gen. Electric	34	Union Carbide & Carbon	71 1/2
Gen. Motors	49 1/2	Union Pacific	75 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	15 1/2	United Aircraft	43 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	13 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	15 1/2
Glidden Co.	13 1/2	United Corp.	1 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	62	United Corp. 43 cum pt.	27 1/2
Goodrich 5% pt.	18 1/2	United Gas Corp.	7
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18 1/2	United Gas Improvement	91
Great Northern Iron Ore	15 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	22 1/2
Great Northern Rly. prd.	27 1/2	U.S. Rubber	23 1/2
Great Western Sugar	21 1/2	U.S. Rubber 5% prd.	87 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2	U.S. Smelting	63 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	70 1/2	U.S. Steel	70 1/2
Homestake Mining	51	Vanadium	33 1/2
Int. Nickel	24 1/2	Vultee Aircraft	8 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	16 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	15 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	34
Kennecott Copper	34 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	103 1/2
Lake Foundry & Mac.	3 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	32 1/2
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	43	Chase National Bank	32 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	31 1/2	National City Bank	27 1/2

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LIBYAN DESERT AIR ACTIVITY

Heavy Bombardment Of Italian 'Dromes

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The bombardment of all Italian aerodromes in the Libyan Desert continued throughout Tuesday. Two enemy camps, troops concentrations and motor transport were repeatedly bombed, states an R. A. F. communiqué.

Six enemy aircraft were certainly shot down while three others were seen falling out of control. Further enemy aircraft were destroyed on the Eladim aerodrome during a particularly heavy night raid. High explosive bombs set fire to several hangars while direct hits were registered on dispersed aircraft, several of which exploded.

Fires were visible 60 miles away. In the Bardia-Sollum area, many bombs were dropped on motor transport concentrations, while the enemy camp of Sofafi was also heavily bombed.

FLEET AIR ARM
The Fleet Air Arm co-operated with the R.A.F. in attacking barracks at Bardia and the escarpment road at Sollum, while other aircraft bombed the landing ground.

One enemy aircraft on the ground at Gazala was destroyed, bringing the total to 10 in addition to an unknown number destroyed or badly damaged. During these operations, which continued through 24 hours, one British aircraft failed to return.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., Dec. 12.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.28 ins.
Temperature, 63 F.
Humidity, 46 per cent.
Wind Direction, N.N.E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Temperature maximum yesterday, 75 F.
Temperature minimum last night, 57 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs ending 10 p.m. today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.59 ins.
Against an average of 64.56 ins.
Sunset tonight, 5.40 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.54 a.m.
4 p.m., Dec. 12.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.13 ins.
Temperature, 67 F.
Humidity, 54 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/S.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Maximum temperature, 72 F.
Minimum temperature, 57 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 13 to 19 Dec. 1940.

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	13	h.m.	ft.in.	h.m.	ft.in.
		09 07	4 6	02 45	2 1
		20 03	7 4	13 44	3 3
Sat.	14	09 07	4 7	03 32	1 6
		20 35	7 7	14 18	3 4
Sun.	15	10 28	4 7	03 58	1 2
		21 05	8 1	14 50	3 4
Mon.	16	11 09	4 7	04 36	0 9
		21 41	9 2	15 25	3 5
Tues.	17	11 43	4 7	05 18	0 7
		22 21	8 2	15 55	3 6
Wed.	18	12 32	4 8	05 58	0 7
		23 05	7 9	16 34	3 6
Thur.	19	13 20	4 9	06 40	1 0
		23 50	7 5	17 18	3 8

WASHINGTON.—Few men have ever travelled 6,000 miles just to keep a lunch date, writes Bruce Catton, in the *Manila Bulletin*. But one of the big reasons for the hurried trip ADMIRAL JAMES O. RICHARDSON recently made from Hawaii to Washington was a quiet luncheon party arranged for him at the White House.

Three men sat down at the water where the fighting would be done. Admiral Richardson, head of the U. S. fleet; President Roosevelt, his commander in chief; and Governor William D. Leahy of Puerto Rico, who was the navy's top admiral until his retirement a little over a year ago.

PRINCIPAL TOPIC
The party didn't break up early. It lasted most of the afternoon. In fact, the principal topic was the Far Eastern situation—in plain English, the danger of war with Japan and the things the U. S. Navy ought to do if that war should come.

It was Governor Leahy's presence that was especially significant.

Back in 1937 Leahy, wearing the broad stripe and the three narrow ones of a full admiral, was chief of naval operations. The Japanese, constantly widening the scope of their "China incident," swung into action with a bombardment of Shanghai. The White House hesitated for a week or more, weighing the chances. Then it called Admiral Leahy into conference.

JOINT ACTION
Leahy was told that the United States and England might—just might—take joint action against Japan; action of the kind that could mean war. He was instructed to draw up a plan for use in such emergency.

He came back, after consultation with the war plans section at the navy department, with a plan which called for a tight naval blockade. The blockade line would be draped between Hawaii and Singapore, one end resting on America's greatest naval base, the other resting on Britain's. The plan envisaged a strong British contribution—probably half a dozen capital ships, with accompanying lighter craft, to hold down the British end of the line; it gave the U.S.-British fleets a two to one superiority in the

Australian Airmen

CANBERRA, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The first draft of Australian airmen selected for training in Southern Rhodesia have disembarked at a South African port, this was announced yesterday by Mr. McEwen, Commonwealth Air Minister.

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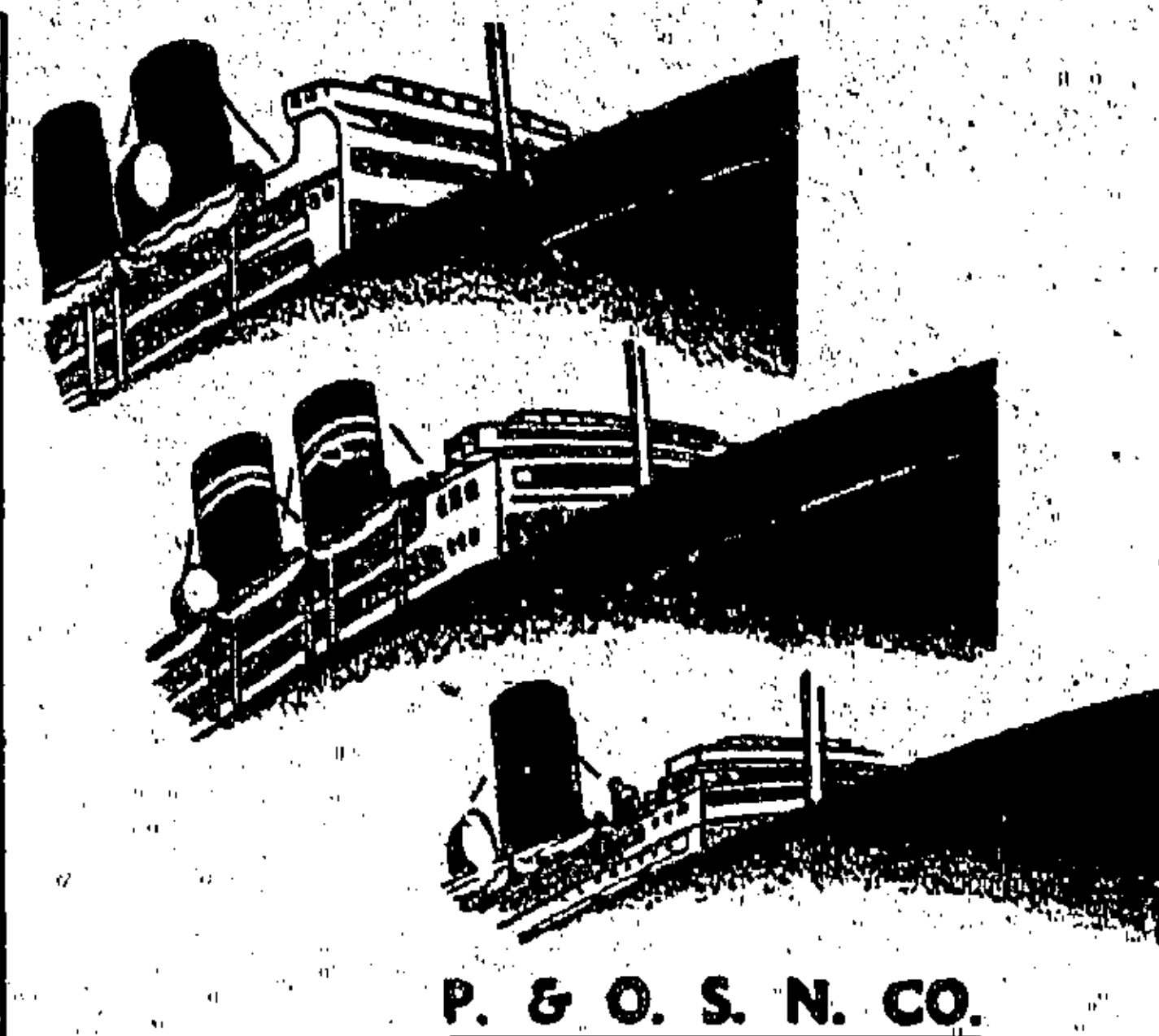
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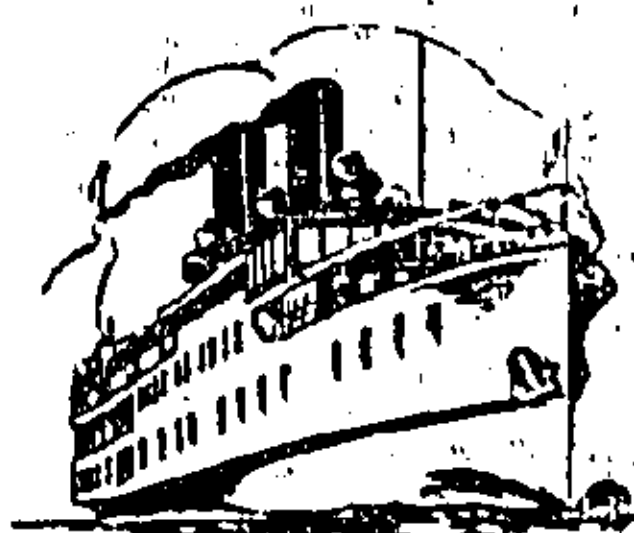
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CLAIM FOR RETURN OF HILLMAN MINX CAR

FORMER FIRST CLASS DISTRICT WATCHMAN IS DEFENDANT

Hearing was commenced before Mr. Justice Williams in the Summary Court yesterday of an action brought by CHAN SIU-YING, widow, of No. 18, Upper Station Street, against LO SANG, of No. 54, High Street, claiming the return of a Hillman Minx saloon car No. 5859, valued at \$1,000.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios and defendant by Mr. D. McCallum.

Important Decisions At Executive Yuan Meeting

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Central).—A number of important decisions and appointments were made by the Executive Yuan at its regular meeting.

At the instance of Dr. H.H. Kung, Vice-President of the Yuan, an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the relief of the teaching staff and students of private universities and middle schools which have moved to Szechwan from the war zones was decided upon.

In proposing the appropriation, Dr. Kung said that relief has been provided for the faculty and students of national universities and middle schools. In view of the present high cost of living, similar relief should also be extended to those of private institutions.

PENSION FOR FAMILY

In response to a petition of the Ministry of Communications, the meeting decided to issue an order of commendation for Mr. Chien Chang-kan, chief of the Bridges Designing Department of the Ministry stationed in Kunming, who was killed in the C.N.A.C. airliner Chungking when the machine was shot down by Japanese military aircraft at Chanyi, Yunnan on October 29. Further, the meeting decided to allocate \$3,000 as a pension for his family.

Regarding appointments, the meeting named Mr. Ku Cheng-lun, newly appointed Chairman of the Kansu Provincial Government, concurrently Peace Preservation Commander of the province to replace General Chu Shao-liang, the incumbent, who was relieved of his post.

Other appointments included the following: Messrs. Sze Lieh and Chu Wei-tung, Director and Vice-Director of the Chekiang Food Control Bureau respectively; Messrs. Huang Szu and Chen Chitu, Director and Vice-Director of the Sikang Food Control Bureau respectively; and Mr. Liu Sul-chang, chief of the Civil Affairs Department of the Ministry of Interior.

FIRST CANNON VICTORY

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—News of the first victory for British fighters equipped with a cannon was released today.

A 21-year old R. A. F. pilot told how he beat off the attack of two Messerschmitt fighters in a recent battle, missed one with his cannon, hit the second with a few rounds.

The Messerschmitt exploded "in front of me like a bursting anti-aircraft shell. It was the most amazing sight I have ever seen," he said.

Armed Attack In British Waters

Another armed robbery in British waters was revealed when So Po-fat, 31, master of a trading junk, reported the capture of his craft with a cargo on board by pirates at Fu Tau Mun.

So left Ping Hoi for Hongkong on the night of Dec. 12, with a cargo consisting of 37 piculs of turpentine and four sucking pigs to the total value of \$93. After he had reached Fu Tau Mun at 7 a.m. the next day, a robber junk with seven men on board, armed with three rifles, and two revolvers, approached his junk from the north.

Several shots were fired by the pirates with the result that the junk was overtaken.

Both junk and cargo were then towed away, while So and his crew were put ashore at Bluff Island, where they remained for

In evidence, plaintiff stated that she lived with defendant at No. 54, High Street, as his companion, until November this year. In April, she bought for \$1,300 a baby Ford Saloon (No. 3895) for which she paid a deposit of \$200 and \$500 on the car being handed over to her. She also paid five monthly instalments of \$70 toward the agreed purchase price.

The car's licence and insurance were made out in her name, and though she was living with defendant and he drove the car it had not been bought under any agreement with him whereby he could claim possession of it. She negotiated for the purchase of the vehicle and paid all the money herself, defendant having no part whatever in this.

CHANGED CAR

In October, she changed the car for a Hillman Minx saloon when she paid \$130 in addition to giving up the Baby Ford. She purchased the car for her own use.

On Nov. 3 she left defendant as he failed to return to her \$500 she advanced him toward the purchase of another Ford car and failed to make the purchase and because she suspected he was keeping another woman.

Defendant, in the witness-box, refuted plaintiff's evidence. He stated he was a District Watchman for 5½ years and resigned on Nov. 1, while holding the rank of First Class District Watchman, in order to become a broker.

PAID HIMSELF

He became acquainted with plaintiff some three years ago and she had been living with him for more than a year at the High St. address. He purchased the Baby Ford saloon in April and paid for it himself. The negotiations in respect of the purchase were conducted by a man named Lau Leung. The money to purchase the car he obtained from his aunt. Plaintiff wanted the car registered in her name because she did not trust him and wanted the car for herself. She was suspicious of him when he stayed out nights. He negotiated the exchange for the Hillman Minx, himself and paid over \$130 at the Sun Chung Restaurant in October.

Further hearing was adjourned to Dec. 23, at 9.15 a.m.

SPRATLEY ISLAND REPORTS

MUCH SCEPTICISM IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Reports from Indo-China that Japan is concentrating forces in Spratley Island, between Indo-China and Borneo, for the possible purpose of blockading Singapore is being received with considerable scepticism here.

It is believed that Japan is hardly likely to do anything in the near future likely to bring her into open armed conflict with Britain, especially in view of the present misfortune of Axis arms and the lack of any protective non-aggression arrangement with Russia.

Additionally, it is believed that the new British credit to China and the new American restriction on metal exports to Japan, plus the renewed concentration of American naval strength at Hawaii, is more likely to act as a brake on Japanese adventuring than motivation for more.

Many observers are of the opinion that the new British credit recognised the wars of Europe and Asia as fundamentally one and for all practical purposes make China an ally of Britain in contesting the Nazi objective of world domination.

CHESS RESULTS

In the Senior Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club tournament played yesterday C. M. Sequiera beat K. Weiss, D. E. de Carvalho beat B. D. Evans and W. Lee beat A. Y. Birukoff.

Two hours' until No. 1 Police crew were put ashore at Bluff Island, where they remained for

Compulsory Service Tribunal

THREE ASSIGNED TO COMBATANT GROUP

Of 16 British subjects who appeared before the Compulsory Services Tribunal yesterday, three were assigned to the Combatant Group, six to the General Group for Essential Services, two to the Key-Post Group and one was exempted.

The decisions regarding three others were postponed, while another, being a Government servant (an employee in the Immigration Office) was referred back to the Government for assignment. (The Tribunal comprised of Mr. Justice Williams (President), Lt. Comdr. L. L. Tollemache, R.N., Major R. E. Moody, Mr. E. Davidson, Mr. C. Blaker, M.C., and Mr. C. Bramall Burgess (Secretary).

ONLY A VISITOR

Mr. K. E. Mogra was exempted on the ground that he was only a visitor to Hongkong. He stated, in a letter to the Tribunal, that he made frequent visits to Hongkong in the course of his business. His present stay here would only last until news have been received regarding some goods in Indo-China. The assignment of Mr. C. R. Smirke was left to Government as he is employed in the Immigration Office.

Messrs. H. D. Bruce, A. R. Kihross and C. W. Whiting were assigned to the Combatant Group. Messrs. R. Anderson, B. E. Fielder, H. A. Hyndman, A. J. Savitsky, C. T. Tod and O. P. Vagnone were assigned to the General Group for Essential Services, and Messrs. R. S. T. Pigott and J. W. Stewart to the Key-Post Group. Decisions regarding Messrs. R. J. Barnes, R. B. Levkovitch, and J. W. McDonald were deferred.

C.P. ROAD BUS FATALITIES

One more victim was claimed in the collision between a motor bus and a United Delivery lorry at the 12-mile post at Castle Peak Road on Tuesday night, the total fatalities being three. The bus driver has been detained and granted \$500 bail.

GARRISON BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

The following games in the Garrison Billiards Tournament are down for decision today.—C. M. Police v. Fortress R.E.; R.A.S.C. v. R.A.M.C. 5th A.A. v. R.A.O.C.

HOME NURSING LECTURES

A new series of Home Nursing Lectures will commence at Queen Mary Hospital at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 6. Will applicants please send in their names to the Hon. Sec. Queen Mary Hospital, as early as possible.

HOSPITAL TRAINING

The undermentioned members have now completed their 96 hours hospital training in the wards and gained their proficiency certificate.

Oiga Archangelosky, Mary Bruce, Ethel Byrne, Chue Tsan Hung, Diana Dodwell, Grace Darby, Margery Fortescue, Julia Fulker, Nina Goldenberg, Millicent Joffe, Sister Marie de Sacrement, Sister Marie de Victoire, Sally Molr, Kathleen Moir, Elizabeth Rodgers, Ellen Redmond, Sister St. Stanislas, Margaret Taylor, Katherine Upsekensky, Crista Womack.

The Hon. Sec. would be glad to receive the names of all members who are willing to volunteer to assist in Clinics, Out-patient Departments, etc., should extra assistance be required at any time.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 72 and the minimum 57 compared with 75 and 66 on Wednesday.

Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.59 against an average of 84.56. The Royal Observatory report states—

The anticyclone over China is moving eastward towards Japan, and pressure is relatively low over the Southern China Sea. The typhoon probably continues to move westward to the north of Yap.

In a University Inter-Faculty Basketball League game played in the Eu Tong-tsen Gymnasium yesterday evening, Medicals beat Engineering by 22-20.

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Sandakan	21st Dec.
Australia and Manila	23rd Dec.
London and Straits	24th Dec.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 6th December)	26th Dec.
U.S.A. Honolulu, and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd December)	26th Dec.
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